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THE WORLD THIS MORNING
Bush in trouble

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): Just three weeks before Iowa voters kick off the presidential nomination race, opinion polls show Vice-President George Bush falling further behind there, in part because of the Iran arms scandal.

Manoeuvres

CAIRO, (Reuter): Egypt is willing to hold military manoeuvres with any Arab country which has restored diplomatic ties with Cairo, armed forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Saifi Deen Abu Shenaf said.

Punjab killings

NEW DELHI, (AP): Sikh extremists killed three people, including a communist activist, in continuing violence in the northern state of Punjab, the United News of India reported.

War criminal

BELGRADE, Jan 18, (Reuter): Yugoslav war criminal Andrija Artukovic, known as the "butcher of the Balkans," died last Saturday at a prison hospital, aged 89, the state news agency Tanjug said yesterday.

Train collision

BEIJING, (AP): A passenger train collided with a freight train in northeast China, killing 17 people and injuring 66, official reports said.

Plane crash

MOSCOW, (Reuter): Eleven people were killed yesterday when a Soviet Aeroflot airliner crashed while landing at Krasnoyarsk, in Soviet Turkmenia, the newspaper Izvestia reported.

Scrap treaty

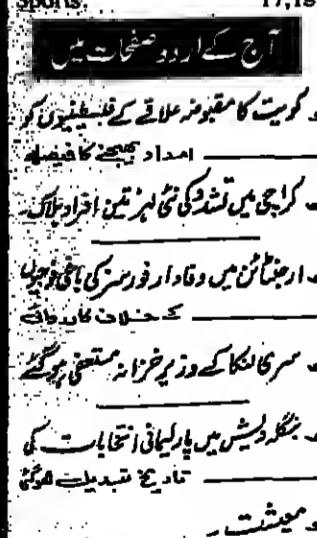
DAMASCUS, (Reuter): A senior member of Syria's ruling party urged Egypt yesterday to scrap its peace treaty with Israel.

US senator

DAMASCUS, (Reuter): US Senator Arlen Specter met Syria Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara yesterday for talks which included the Iran-Iraq war, US embassy officials said.

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**WEATHER**

TEMPERATURE	remains below
morning with light to moderate north-westerly wind and some clouds will appear.	
State of sea: slight to moderate	
High water: 10.00 am, 10.00 am	
Low water: 6.00 am, 6.00 pm	
Wind: 6.43 pm	
Speed: 5.14 m	
Maximum temperature recorded:	
Kuwait: 15°C 59°F	
Ahmed: 15°C 59°F	
Maximum temperature expected:	
Falak: 14°C 57°F	
Ahmed: 15°C 59°F	
Falak: 15°C 57°F	
Maximum humidity recorded:	
Kuwait: 73 per cent	
Ahmed: 78 per cent	
Maximum humidity expected:	
Falak: 75 per cent	
Ahmed: 80 per cent	
Falak: 85 per cent	
Minimum temperature recorded:	
Kuwait: 5°C 41°F	
Ahmed: 9°C 49°F	
Falak: 10°C 50°F	

ARAB TIMES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988

JAMADI AL-AWWAL 29, 1408 AH

Desecration of Al Aqsa condemned

Kuwait will send \$5m of aid to Palestinians



Refugees at the Bureij camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, argue with an Israeli soldier on the restriction of movement in the camp. (Reuter wirephoto)

UN forces to be within our territories," Arafat said in a CBS television interview in New York.

Peres's left-leaning Labour party and Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc share power in a coalition government plagued by ideological rivalries. Elections are not scheduled until November.

Peres, speaking to reporters, suggested a spring election but acknowledged: "It's quite complicated because at the moment there is no (parliamentary) majority either way."

A vote for an early election would depend on the will of splinter parties.

Shamir told reporters Israel needed to display unity in the face of the unrest, saying any election held before the protests were quelled would "weaken our standing in the eyes of the Arabs and is liable to damage us."

Shamir also called on the United States and Egypt to help revive negotiations to give the 1.5 million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip limited autonomy.

Curfew

The two countries, with Israel, agreed on the autonomy principle in the 1979 Camp David accords, but the idea was overwhelmingly rejected by the Palestinians and negotiations quickly stalled.

In the Gaza Strip, seven of eight refugee camps remained under curfew, but military officials who requested anonymity said the restrictions would be lifted gradually in the next few days.

But the Army appeared to be

calm yesterday, a day after the Army removed curfews imposed on six of the area's 15 refugee camps. The village of Salfit, 15 miles (25 kms) north of Jerusalem, remained under curfew.

East Jerusalem, stores were shuttered in an almost complete commercial strike.

The West Bank was reportedly calm yesterday, a day after the Army removed curfews imposed on six of the area's 15 refugee camps. The village of Salfit, 15 miles (25 kms) north of Jerusalem, remained under curfew.

"At least 20 people received minor injuries when police had to resort to a mild baton charge to disperse a crowd of people trying to hold a rally in front of the

public library yesterday," the police spokesman said on telephone from Narayanganj.

"We had to break the rally because it was being held in violation of the law," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Narayanganj, about 10 miles south of the capital city of Dhaka.

Rallies, protests and demonstrations are banned under the emergency rule clamped by the government on Nov 27 to suppress the opposition campaign to

oust President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The parliamentary elections were shifted to March 3, apparently to oblige a Muslim saint who counts Ershad among his devotees.

The Bangladesh election commission did not give any reason for the change of date.

Informed sources said the date was switched because it clashed with the annual congregation of

disciples of the saint known as "peer of Atrashi."

De Mel, a moderate and a

staunch supporter of Jayewardene, told Parliament on Dec 24 that since there had been no elections in the country in 10 years "we have no right to stay in power."

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● The flagship of the First re-enactment for the Australian Bicentenary, the Soren Larsen, enters Botany Bay, south of Sydney, following an eight-month voyage from Portsmouth, England, retracing the journey made by Australia's first white settlers 200 years ago. (Reuter wirephoto)

Roh plans to include opponents in cabinet

SEOUL, Jan 18, (AP): President-elect Roh Tae-Woo said today he plans to fill some cabinet posts with opposition members.

Roh said he will ask the opposition camp to recommend suitable candidates for the posts, but did not say what posts would be offered. There was no immediate reaction from the opposition.

Meanwhile, the single-house National Assembly began a new session today to prepare election laws that must be completed before upcoming legislative elections. The present assembly, elected in February 1985, is to dissolve by late April.

Roh talked to reporters about his plans for a new cabinet and other subjects after moving into a new office with a team of aides to prepare for the handing over of power from outgoing President Chua Doo-Hwan. Roh is to be sworn in Feb 25.

Roh, who heads the ruling Democratic Justice Party, was elected with 36.6 per cent of the vote in the Dec 16 presidential election. Opposition leader Kim Young-Sam polled 28 per cent and his opposition rival Kim Dae-Jung 27 per cent.

Roh has suggested conciliatory gestures toward the opposition, in part because he failed to win a clear-cut mandate from the voters.

He reiterated today that his party wanted to hold the assembly elections in February, but said it would depend on negotiations with the opposition on rewriting the election laws.

Roh has said his new administration should start with a new assembly next month.

Seoul accused of faking sabotage

TOKYO, Jan 18, (AP): North Korea today accused South Korea of faking the case of a missing South Korean jetliner so that the South could blame the North in an attempt to smear the North's reputation.

The official Workers (Communist) Party newspaper "Rodong Shinmun" said, "the moves of the puppets following the jetliner incident and the clumsy made results of the investigation, full of contradictions, indicate the jet incident as a self-made drama premeditatedly invented by the Chua Doo-Hwan-Roh Tae-Woo group with an insidious political aim."

Chua is South Korea's President and Roh was elected Dec 16 to succeed him next month.

The Rodong Shinmun commentary demanded that the South Koreans "apologise for their insidious, reckless attempts to besmirch the external authority" of the North and "stop their provocative anti-communist smear campaign, which pushes the situation on the Korean peninsula to a higher

pitch of strain."

A Korean Air Boeing 707 carrying 115 people disappeared last Nov 29 over the Andaman Sea near Burma on a flight from Abu Dhabi to Seoul.

Confession

Last Friday, a young woman who identified herself as Kim Hyon Hui, 25, a North Korean agent who had undergone years of terrorist training in the North and abroad, admitted in Seoul that she and a partner had planted a time bomb on the KAL jet.

Soon after the confession, North Korea called the claims "a fabrication full of lies" and said it would retaliate against any "provocation" from Seoul.

Today's commentary, carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, decided that "the South Korean rulers must frankly admit even now, though belatedly, that the jetliner incident was their own fake-up."

It said South Korea's "smear campaign" against the North "is wire-pulled by the US imperialists, who are fishing in troubled waters."

Syria executes spies

DAMASCUS, Jan 18, (AP): Three Syrians accused of being Israeli spies were hanged in public at a Damascus square, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported today.

The report said the death sentences were carried out "against three Syrian spies who have sold themselves to the Zionist enemy [Israel] for a few dollars."

Sana named the executed as:

Fouad Ali Hasan, 35, from Latakia — Mohammed Saleh Yahia Badr, 41, of Damascus — and Mustapha Mahfouz, 52, who hails from Salamiah near the northern city of Homs.

Sana gave no details on where and when the execution took place nor whether the three cases were linked. It did not elaborate on the spying charges nor report on the men's trial.

Argentina turns down conditional surrender offer by Rico



Rico

Buenos Aires, Jan 18, (Reuter): President Raul Alfonsin's government turned down an offer today by Army mutineer Aldo Rico to make a conditional surrender and it pledged to press ahead to end the Argentine military rebellion.

President press spokesman Jose Ignacio Lopez said on television that Rico met Second Army Corps Commander Juan Mabagrana to discuss his surrender "seeking a period of time to deliver it that was not accepted, so we continue advancing."

In Paris, French President Mitterrand's office reported that Alfonsin had told his French counterpart by telephone that Rico, a cashiered lieutenant colonel, had surrendered.

The statement said three rebel officers were detained.

This was the first time Argentine troops had fired on each other since fighting between rival Army factions in 1962. Around 1,900 civilians were evacuated from the area.

Alfonsin applauded the "decisive action of the military command" to crush the rebellion, said the presidential spokesman. "The president is in charge of the operations to defend the constitution."

Earlier today two loyalist soldiers were seriously injured when a rebel-placed mine exploded under their truck. A road bridge on the outskirts of Monte Caseros, 630 kilometres north of Buenos Aires was destroyed in a bid to halt the advance of loyalist forces encircling the area.

Alfonsin held an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the uprising which found pockets of support elsewhere in the country.

Rival blacks vying for political control

Seven die in S. Africa violence

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 18, (UPI): Police today reported seven people killed, including a two-year-old child, in the latest round of fighting between rival black groups vying for political control in ghettos around the Natal province city of Pietermaritzburg.

The killings yesterday pushed the weekend death toll to nine and took to 42 the number of blacks murdered this year in the region about 480 km southeast of Johannesburg.

Zulu chief Mangosuthu "Gatsha" Buthelezi, leader of one of the feuding groups, today blamed the outlawed African National Congress for the bloodshed.

"The ANC has orchestrated this battle, not I," he said in a telexed response to questions.

In earlier reports, police reported one death Friday evening and another on Saturday.

Leaders of the two movements meanwhile continued a war of words that has prevented progress towards a negotiated peace between supporters of the United Democratic Front and Buthelezi's politically more moderate Inkatha Movement.

The UDF, claiming to represent two million apartheid foes, supports the ANC's guerrilla war against white rule and its goal of a socialist black majority.

Buthelezi, hereditary leader of the country's five million Zulus, said today his Inkatha Movement now has 1.5 million members supporting his strategy for a negotiated end to apartheid and a capitalist future for the country.

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"We will not be intimidated out of existence."

Police said in a routine report on violence during the 24 hours to dawn today that a 21-year-old black man was found shot to death in one ghetto and a 33-year-old man was burnt to death when his home was torched by unidentified persons.

In third incident in this area, a group of blacks fired a number of shots and, in the process, fatally wounded a two-year-old boy who was in his mother's arms, the report said.

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Lightning deaths

NAIROBI, Jan 18, (AP): Bolts of lightning in western Kenya killed eight people, including a peasant farmer and three of his children, police reported today.

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Toilet paper

DUBLIN, Jan 18, (Reuter): Deaf-ridged Irish schools have asked children to bring their own toilet paper with them.

"It's going back to the situation long ago where schoolchildren brought a sod of turf to school to keep the fire burning," said a spokesman for the Cathal Brugha Primary School Managers Association.

De Mojana dies

ROME, Jan 18, (Reuter): The Grand Master of the 900-year-old Order of the Knights of Malta, His most eminent Highness Fra Angelo De Mojana Di Cologna, died in Rome last night after a short illness; the order announced today.

De Mojana, appointed by Pope John XXIII in 1962 as the 77th Grand Master of the deeply Catholic order, was 82.

The order said De Mojana died of a heart attack in a clinic he had entered three days ago.

Whale teeth

TOKYO, Jan 18, (Reuter): Makers of Bunraku puppets, used in a traditional form of Japanese theatre, are appealing to an Inuit (Eskimo) village in northern Canada for the teeth of a whale washed ashore last year.

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The appeal, filed today in the city of Jabalpur, India, asks the high court in the state of Madhya Pradesh to set aside the order, Carbide spokesman Ed Van Den Ameel said.

"It must be clear to the government of India that the court's order merely delays ultimate resolution of victims' concerns by introducing a new and unenforceable concept of law," Van Den Ameel said.

In 1986, India filed a lawsuit against Carbide for \$3 billion in damages for the gas leak that it says killed 2,850 people and seriously injured more than 20,000 others. It was the world's worst industrial accident.

On Dec 1, India filed criminal charges, accusing Carbide, its

subsidiaries and officers of homicide and injury to people and animals when the methyl isocyanate leaked from a pesticide plant operated by a Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal.

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Renegades plan attack as local polls end

Troops ringing Manila

MANILA, Jan 18, (Reuter): Voting in Philippine local elections ended today with troops ringing Manila after rumours that renegade soldiers planned an attack.

The reports that 3,000 renegade troops could try to attack the capital overshadowed nine hours of voting and ended a generally calm election day marked by sporadic outbursts of violence and complaints of cheating.

"The Army is ready to meet any threat," armed forces spokesman General Honestio Isela said on government television after polls closed. "Of course these are unconfirmed reports but we cannot brush them off."

"We have adequate security," added police chief General Manuel Roxas. "Metro-Manila is practically ringed by (government) forces."

Tally

Collecting and counting votes for mayors and provincial governors became the final hurdle in the country's two-year journey back to democracy following the February 1986 overthrow of Ferdinand Marcos and President Corazon Aquino's rise to power.

Headquarters

Poll officials said they feared that achieving an accurate tally could be the biggest problem after a vicious election campaign in which 91 people were reported killed.

One of the last victims, a candidate running for provincial governor, was shot dead at a late night rally.

Communist rebels, blamed for much of the campaign violence, snatched ballot boxes in the central island of Negros. The military said the communist New People's Army wounded 22 people when guerrillas threw a grenade inside a passenger bus in the southern island of Mindanao and blew up an Army jeep wounding three soldiers.

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Tourism

At dawn today in Ilocos Sur, communist guerrillas freed unharmed two candidates they kidnapped at a rally on Dec 16.

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headquarters of the administration's mayoral candidate and unconfirmed radio reports said a campaign worker was shot dead in a car on the outskirts of the capital.

In another incident, election officials who checked a ballot box before polling opened found it already stuffed with 250 votes.

In the central province of Iloilo, communist rebels raided a polling station and grabbed two ballot boxes, the private radio station DZRH said.

Elsewhere in the province, armed men set fire to three classrooms just before voting was to start but no one was injured, the Philippine news agency said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bus crash

ISLAMABAD, Jan 18, (Reuter): Two passenger buses, one carrying a load of matches, collided in a fiery crash in western Pakistan, killing 24 people, the official news agency APP said today.

An equal number of people were injured in the crash last night near Dalbandin, 325 km (200 miles) south-west of Quetta. Many of the victims were burned to death when one bus caught fire after the impact, APP said.

Ghaffar Khan

ISLAMABAD, Jan 18, (AP): Hospital officials said today there has been a slight improvement in the condition of Abdul Ghaffar Khan, a Muslim who sided with Hindus, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru in political battles for India's independence from Britain.

Ghaffar Khan, 98, was hospitalized last week, suffering from numerous ailments including strokes, a lung infection and inflammation of the joints, said doctors at the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar, 100 miles (160 kms) northwest of Islamabad.

"He is slipping in and out of consciousness," said Dr Jamal Ahmad, administrator of the hospital.

Demonstration

NEW DELHI, Jan 18, (AP): More than 1,500 members of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during a demonstration near Parliament today.

The demonstrators blocked traffic at a

Kuwait elected to IBE post

GENEVA, Jan 18. (Kuwa): Kuwait was today elected to serve as one of the five vice-presidents of the International Bureau of Education, a Geneva-based Unesco-affiliated institute for the promotion of education techniques.

The other countries elected for a two year term at a meeting of the IBE's council here were Czechoslovakia, Venezuela, China, Burundi.

France's delegate to the four-day Geneva conference, Yves Brunswick, was voted president.

Apart from the elections, the 24 national members of the IBE council also were due to review the work of the bureau over the past year and to prepare reports for a major conference late this year to be attended by education ministers from around the world, said the secretary-general of the Kuwait National Commission for Unesco, Sulaiman Onaizi.

Cabinet briefed on Iraqi Vice-President's visit

THE Council of Ministers yesterday held an ordinary session under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. The Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed said after the cabinet session that the ministers were briefed by Sheikh Saad on his talks with Iraqi Vice-President and Deputy Chairman of the Revolutionary Council that touched on developments of the current Arab situation and ways to stop the ongoing Iraqi-Iran war in addition to bilateral relations.

Reviewed

During his visit here, concluded on Sunday, Ibrahim delivered a message to HH the Amir from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Al Hamad briefed the cabinet on developments of the Iraq-Iran war and ways to bring it to an end at the international and Arab levels, Al Rashed said.

Rashed added that the cabinet also reviewed the message of King Hussein of Jordan to the Amir that dealt with Arab issues and ways to support Arab solidarity.

The cabinet also reviewed the outcome of OIC Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirsada's visit here last week during which he met with the Amir discussing a number of Islamic issues and the Islamic move to confront pressing issues topped by the Gulf war and the situation in the occupied Arab territories, Al Rashed said.

Minister of State for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazeidi also briefed the cabinet on results of the fourth civil aviation conference of the Gulf Cooperation Council states which was concluded in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia last week, Al Rashed said.



Participants at the Road Safety Society's weekly seminar discuss a number of issues related to road safety.

Traffic accidents cost Kuwait KD116m

THE Chairman of Kuwait's Road Safety Society Sabah Al Rayes said that traffic accidents in Kuwait cost about KD116 million per year and that although large amounts of money are spent on research to fight disease, research in the area of traffic accidents, which claim numerous lives yearly, is unheard of.

The Associate Professor at the faculty of medicine at Kuwait University Dr Mahmoud Al Sharie, speaking about psychological factors affecting

drivers, said that drivers of heavy vehicles who drive recklessly should be educated as to the consequences of such driving. He added that there are about a half a million cars in Kuwait, which is too large a number for a country the size of Kuwait.

Dr Mahmoud Al Bustan spoke on the importance of seat belts and asked that a campaign be launched to convince motorists to wear them. He added that some countries impose fines on drivers who do not use seat belts.

GCC keen on strong information policy

INFORMATION Undersecretary Abd Al Aziz Jaafar said yesterday that the outcome of the meeting for GCC information undersecretaries which concluded in Riyadh on Sunday affirms the keenness of these countries on establishing a strong information policy to serve peoples of the region as well as Arab interests.

He explained that the committee which had been set up to prepare for the conference had met several times and a special committee had been set up to study scientific papers presented for discussion at the conference. These papers focus on consumption, agricultural marketing, cooperative training and integration among Arab cooperative organisations.

New centre

He said that Kuwait under the leadership of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier, along with continuous follow-up by Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, did not add will not spare any efforts in the field of information cooperation between Kuwait and other GCC states.

Jaafar described, in an interview with Kuna, these meetings as "very fruitful", saying that deliberations were characterised with seriousness, openness and complete awareness of the dangers threatening the area.

Some of these recommendations, he noted, include establishing a Gulf company for manufacturing paper to meet the increasing demand and boosting exports from the Arab Satellite (Arabsat).

Jaafar who returned home on Sunday after heading the Kuwaiti delegation to the meetings, said, "I was delighted to bear the praise that the Kuwaiti press and Kuna received from the conference on the prominent role they play to serve the interests of the area.

Awadi for Cairo to attend doctors' federation meeting

PUBLIC Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi flew to Cairo yesterday to take part in a meeting of the Arab Doctors' Federation which opens in the Egyptian capital today.

The ministerial get-together will discuss and review several medical studies on health service problems in the Arab world and common diseases in the area, Awadi told Kuna before his departure.

The Arab health ministers will use the four-day conference to have talks on stepping up cooperation between Egypt and Arab countries in medical areas, now that Egypt's membership of the doctor's federation has been ratified.

At least nine Arab countries restored diplomatic ties with Egypt after the last November emergency Arab summit conference. The boycott which dated back to 1979 stemmed from a

peace treaty between Egypt and Israel that year.

The Arab states which have restored links with Egypt will be coordinating with Cairo for the adoption of common health policies, counting on Egypt's huge health and medical capabilities, the Kuwaiti minister said.

Filles

Meanwhile, Awadi authorised yesterday the general plan for fighting filies in Wafra area.

The plan, which was proposed

by assistant undersecretary for financial affairs at the ministry and chairman of anti-rodents committee, Dr Abd Latif Al Mijahim, will be implemented as of

next Feb 1 in cooperation with

Abdullah government council,

Kuwait Municipality, the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries and Wafra agricultural society.

GULF PRESS

Gulf newspapers hail Palestinian uprising

NEWSPAPERS in the Arab Gulf states yesterday hailed the ongoing Palestine popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

The Saudi Al Madina newspaper said the uprising has emphasized that the force from which Israel derives its existence will not be able to hold in face of the will of the Palestinian people and their determination to restore their legitimate rights.

The Saudi Al Youm newspaper said Israel has committed a mistake by thinking that it can finish off with the Palestinian ambitions through its iron-fist policy.

The newspaper called on all Palestinian commando groups to unite in one front and emphasised that the Israeli enemy will not understand anything except the language of force.

The Saudi Al Riyadh newspaper said the uprising has put the world vis-a-vis a clear fact that the practices of Israel are not only against the civilised behaviour, but are also barbaric, inhumane and immoral.

The newspaper recalled that Lord Balfour was a UN envoy killed by Jewish gangs in 1948. It said another UN envoy, Mordechai Gur, has received a warning that he might be second UN emissary to be killed if his stay in Palestinian refugee camps looks longer time.

Goulding had to duck for cover last Saturday to avoid rubber bullets shot by Israeli soldiers in Balata refugee camp which he was visiting to get acquainted with the situation there.

In Doha, the Qatar Al Ray newspaper said the employment of the Israeli enemy of "the economic war" and its attempt to starve the Palestinian people will not achieve anything, but will further fuel the resolve of the Palestinians and will expose the ugliness of the Zionist to the world.

Qatar Al Arab newspaper said the killing of scores of Palestinians and maiming thousands of them in the occupied territories in addition to the demolishing of houses and deporting of detainees, require an active Arab political effort on the international level and with the big powers which maintain strong relations with Arab countries.

The English-language Gulf Times called on the international community to put real pressure on the Zionist entity to stop its terrorist practices against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

The paper emphasised that international stances supportive of the Palestinian rights should be translated into actions, such as stopping cooperation with the Zionist entity and providing the Palestinians with the required support.

Siamese twins in critical condition

By Jadranka Porter



KUWAIT'S surgeons have begun co-ordinating international experts in an effort to solve the case of the Siamese twins, who were in critical condition yesterday.

Fifteen doctors from Ibn Sina and Chest Diseases hospital who met yesterday to discuss the case are not planning surgery because of serious congenital abnormalities in both babies.

"We don't want to experiment with them. If they have to die let them die in peace," said Dr Mahmoud Al Bader, the chairman of paediatric surgery at the Chest Diseases hospital.

Specialised examinations have revealed severe deformities in the babies' hearts, lungs, kidney and liver. The twins share one liver. Each baby has got one normal and one underdeveloped lung. One baby has got one kidney while the other has none. Although the twins have two hearts, these are joined and each heart has one instead of two ventricles.

Chances

Dr Al Bader said the chances are that the two hearts cannot be used to save one baby primarily because the wall between the two ventricles is perforated and oxygenated blood cannot be separated from non-oxygenated. This condition is a threat to their lives.

"If we attempted the surgery to separate the babies we would

Drug control training course

RIYADH, Jan 18. (QNA): The twenty-third drug control training course began today at the Arab Centre for Security Studies and will continue until Feb 24 for Saudi Customs personnel.

The head of the centre Dr Farouq Abdul Rahman Morad, in his opening address, emphasised the importance of the centre placed on drug abuse, saying it was a major international issue, largely due to its rapid growth.

He added that the centre kept abreast of all scientific and technological advances made in the area of training programme for drug control.

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Teachers helping students to cheat in exams will be punished

TOUGH measures are to be taken against teachers and officials for malpractices involved in conducting school examinations.

Teachers who come late for examinations or leave early without a reasonable excuse, reject the instructions of superiors, are negligent about examination procedures, are lax, and give students an opportunity to cheat, help students to cheat, lose, damage or change answer papers, or leak questions, will

face various punishments.

The penalties will be according to the Civil Service Council's law, and include cautioning the violator, deducting up to 15 days salary each time provided it did not exceed 90 days a year, reducing the salary by 25 per cent for at least three months and not more than 12 months, demotion, and discharge. These penalties will be imposed according to the seriousness of the violation.

A decision on the violations and penalties was issued by the

Education Minister, Anwar Al Nouri, yesterday.

It said that the malpractices should be referred to the head of the concerned educational area for appropriate action for all examinations except the higher secondary examinations.

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EVENTS

Arab art season opens in London

Lure of the orient

LONDON, Jan 18. (Kuna): The 1988 season of Arab art exhibitions got underway in London last week with a collection of 19th century watercolours of Arabia entitled "The Lure of the Orient."

The exhibition at Mathaf Gallery will be followed later this month by displays at the Kufa and Zamana Galleries.

The Mathaf display concentrates on the theme of the Middle East in a "glorious variety of works by the best known orientalists," said the gallery's chairman Brian MacDermott.

On show are the works of such orientalists as John Frederick Lewis, Carl Werner and Carl Haag, both Germans, and Luigi Mayer, Italian. The watercolours by William Wyld, Walter Tyndale, Joseph Bewell and many others are also exhibited.

The orientalists were a group of Western artists who

travelled extensively in the Middle East during the last century.

They had an eye for human and natural phenomenon and were particularly fascinated by scenes of every day life in the Arab World.

Consequently mosques, bedouins on horses or camels, traders in the bazaar, street musicians or pilgrims returning from Makkah lend colour and mystery to the exhibition.

Realism

Orientalists were noted for their realism and obsessive attention to detail, evident in their depiction of architecture and decoration on buildings as well as Arab dress.

Italian orientalists used strong colours while the British favoured the muted tones particularly enhanced by the medium of watercolour.



"Street Scene," water-colour, Filippo Bartoloni.



"Greetings in the Desert," water-colour, John Frederick Lewis.

German pianist enthralls audience

GERMAN master pianist Wolfram Lorenzen enthralled a select audience of diplomats and Kuwaiti business at a special performance held yesterday at the Hilton Hotel.

Lorenzen, who is one of Germany's rising stars, is on his second visit to Kuwait.

Lorenzen captivated the audience with his fine rendition of three waltzes by Chopin in C-Flat Major, C-Flat Major and A-Flat Major, performed with controlled sensitivity. He displayed his excellent musical technique in Beethoven's Sonata in C-Flat Major.

The programme also included music by Schubert, Mozart and Liszt. Lorenzen has won international acclaim due to his speed and precision and sensitive style.

Lorenzen comes from a family of musicians and acquired his technique under Prof. Klaus Linder in Basler and later studied at master classes with Wilhelm Kempf. He plays regularly with major orchestras and has toured extensively.

The concert was sponsored



Wolfram Lorenzen pictured with West German Ambassador Dr Bernd Wulffen.

by Lufthansa, Siemens-AG-Negeco, Al Rabiah Construction Company and the Kuwait Hilton. It was held under the patronage of Dr Bernd

Wulffen, ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany.

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Al Andalus
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
Al Salimiya
The Living Daylight
Starring: Timothy Dalton
Al Hamra
Ya Sadiqi Kam Tasawi (Arabic)
Starring: Farouq Fishawi, Safiya Al Omari
Drive-In
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
Al Firdous
Kaas (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Shroff,

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.20 am
Zohr	11.59
Asr	2.56 pm
Maghreb	5.15
Isha	6.36

Dimple Kapadia
Fahsheel Open-Air
Khuddar (Hindi)
Starring: Shatrughan Sinha, Jeetendra
Al-Fahsheel
Big Trouble In Little China
Al Jaha
Miss Lolita (Bengali)
Granada
Nee Allenkil Njaan (Malayalam)
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WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

KLT-Comedy

The next production at KLT is a comedy 'Say Who You Are', directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performance is at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3, and 4. Tickets: KD3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office two days before the performance date.

SOCIAL

Japan Week

Jan 21: Kite flying competition, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the British Council in Mansouriya.

The following events will be held at the Hilton Hotel. Jan 22: children's exhibition, also featuring award winning art works by Kuwaiti children, on loan from the 1987 International Art exhibition held in Yokohama. Open from 4 to 9 pm on Jan 22. From Jan 23 to 25, open from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 9 pm. Jan 23: seminar on Japanese education, 9 am to 1 pm; Ikebana School — 11 am to 1 pm; piano concert by Cairo-based pianist Junko Nakayama. Jan 24: Ikebana School, 11 am to 1 pm; martial arts and tea ceremony.

Seven films will be shown during the week in the Hilton's Terrace room. All films are in Japanese with Arabic subtitles. Jan 22, 4 pm, Snow Fairy; 7 pm, the Makioka sisters. Jan 23, 4 pm, The Dragon Boy; 7 pm, Sanjuri, directed by Kurosawa. Jan 24, 4 pm, The Yamashita Story (judo story); 7 pm, The Longest Tunnel. Jan 25: Tora San's Forbidden Love, a comedy, 7 pm.

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran
2.30 World News via Satellite
3.30 Bahas An Mofli: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.05 World News via satellite
4.15 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial
5.15 Al Manabah: children's serial, starring Ahmad Qawadari, Tayseer Attiya
6.15 You and Your Health: local programme
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizons
7.35 Al Quds: 20 Years On. A talk show on Jerusalem's history
8.00 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar.
8.15 Good Evening and Local News
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Pages from the History of Kuwait
10.50 Photography: part one, new Arabic serial, starring Abdullab Ghait, Madiha Hamdi, Jamil Rateb, Mohammad Rida.
11.30 News Summary
11.35 World News via Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Rainbow Bright:



Glenda Jackson stars in tonight's Cine Club film, Lost and Found, at 10.10 pm on KTV2.

Cartoons.
6.30 Side Kicks: "The Cousin Who Fell To Earth". Arnie's cousin comes to the US and wants to join the police force.
7.00 Beyond 2000: a look at the latest advances in science and technology. Tonight, parachuting, turtle farming, chess and computer.
8.00 News in English
8.40 You and the Law: a local programme
8.50 Heart of the City: "Of Dogs and Car Burglars". A series of burglaries take place in the neighbourhood; the police investigate.

9.40 Tracy Ulman Show: Comedy.
10.10 Cine Club: "Lost and Found". Starring George Segal and Glenda Jackson. A marital comedy with a university backdrop. Sequel of A Touch of Class. Directed by Melvin Frank.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D' Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



● An evening of Arabian traditions — Sahrat Al Khema — is featured every Tuesday in SAS Hotel's The Tent. Experience the grandeur of Arabia at the souk featuring stalls of jewellery, antiques, carpets, rugs, toys, coffee (della), birds and perfumes. A diwaniya has been set up in front of the stage, where a band plays Arabic music.

am to 5.30 pm.
A token admission fee will be charged for some events. For further details, and confirmation of schedule, contact Tel: 2518155/2518440 or the Japanese Society — 2533000 ext 1156.

Children's Books Exhibition
A Children's Book Exhibition will be held from Jan 23 to 28 at the British Council in Mansouriya. The exhibition will feature award-winning books by prominent British illustrators and authors exhibited at the Frankfurt International Book Fair. The exhibition has been sponsored by the British Council and is being held in cooperation with the Kuwait Bookshop.

Story Time
The British Council will hold a story-telling session for children from 10.30 am on Thursday, Jan 28, at the British Council library. Children of all nationalities are welcome.

Kuwait Caledonians
Kuwait Caledonians will hold Burns Night at 7.30 pm on Jan 28 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guest speaker will be Bob Crempsey. For details phone 5610673.

Winter Serenade
The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade will be an evening to remember — haute cuisine, music, sparkling and show stoppers, nostalgic ballads, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ron Langhorne and Glenis Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meridien Hotel, on Feb 1, 2, and 3. Feb 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695 or 5730641.

Kuwait Welsh Society
New Year's Lunch on Friday, Jan 29, 12.30 pm. For details phone 4874548; 3940743/4 ext. 231 after 4.30 pm.

Ladies Tea Party
A sartorial fashion show will be held at the International Ladies Tea Party on Jan 20 (Wednesday) from 4.30 pm at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. For details phone 5317390, 5386297.

Kuwait Singers
Rehearsals for the May concert will begin on Monday, Jan 18, 7.30 pm in the Sunshine School, Salwa, and will be held every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

Sargam Music Show
Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7 am to 3 pm.

At the Meridien
A two-week promotion featuring giant croissants, and croissant sandwiches, is being held in the Al Waha and Al Fingal restaurant. The promotion continues until the end of the month.

At Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakah features lunch and dinner, open 24 hours, children under 10 years free if accompanied by adults; offer limited to four. Sunday's ladies day with 50 per cent discount for them.

At the SAS

Every Tuesday is Sahrat Al Khema — oriental night. Experience the exotic charm of the orient at the Tent. Arabian bazaar, perfumes, jewellery, clothes and rugs are some of the attractions. Dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

At the Sheraton

Authentic Italian cuisine is featured in the Riccardo Restaurant; music by the Moonlight Duo. Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the gypsy band. For lunch, Hunt Room offers a la carte.

At the Continental

Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with barbecue grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

At the Hilton

Speciality menu featured in Faijaka, open for lunch and dinner; grazing menu also available in addition to desserts.

SPORTS

Ahmad Kart Racing
The fifth round of Kuwait National Drivers' championship will be held on Friday, Jan 22. First round of ladies championship. Races begin at 1.00 pm.



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Daily lunch, chef's special, and dinner buffet at Coffee Shop; from Sunday to Friday, steak and seafood specialties featured for dinner at El Merissa Restaurant, open from 7 pm to 1.30 am. Family brunch on Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm. Highlights will be; magician, painting competition, games and ship's discovery tour.

WILDLIFE

Lipizzan stallions combine power and grace

Baryshnikovs of the equine world

By Hattie Clark

WADSWORTH, Ill.: They're the Baryshnikovs of the equine world, combining power with the grace of clouds. Manes flowing, they leap. They kick. And they piroquette to the roncos of Mozart, the waltzes of Strauss.

The Lipizzan stallions are truly spectacular, and they seem to know it.

Mirroring one another's movements, they trot and canter through their quadrille with the precision of a corps de ballet, each maintaining its space and place throughout. Any doubts about their exactitude in executing the choreography is wiped away when one studies the geometric patterns made by hoof prints in the sand. No sloppy circles here. No zigzags.

Throughout the summer, the white stallions and their riders perform each Wednesday and Sunday at Tempel Farms in Wadsworth, Ill., midway between Chicago and Milwaukee. Capacity crowds, shaded by canopies, circle the outdoor arena. This is the only place in North America where the public can regularly see classical horsemanship by Lipizzans in the tradition of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna.

Right off, the performance frolics when foals are let loose in the arena. While mares promenade, their offspring cavort like little kids at school recess. The Lipizzans are born dark, gradually growing lighter, with most turning white between ages 7 and 10. Only 1 per cent of the horses remain dark into adulthood, and following tradition, Tempel Farms always retains a dark one; at present, it's a pure-black stallion, a rarity.

As expected, the program's "Airs Above the Ground" segment takes the Lipizzans into the air in moves natural to stallions when frisking and fighting. In earlier times, cavaliars capitalised upon these movements, turning them into battle manoeuvres. The leade helped shield a soldier from an



Off duty mare and foal: Lipizzans are born dark and white between the ages of 7 and 10.

enemy's frontal attack. Balancing on haunches with front feet in the air, the stallion's body makes a protective screen for his rider. It's a position often immortalized in bronze by park sculpture.

In the courbette, the stallion stands on hind legs, then executes several forward jumps, a manoeuvre designed to scare infantry soldiers standing below. The capriole proved brutal for both man and beast advancing from behind. With a leap like Pegasus' flight, the stallion kicks out with back legs while suspended in midair. Tempel audiences are treated to all three of these moves, with and without riders. Although the manoeuvres are tied to cavalries of the past, the military association pales when you see them dance, like dandelion fluff flying free in spring, or winter snow sifts down on cathedral spires. Somehow, the stallions' beauty transcends battles. The Lipizzans go back to the late 1500s, when the royal Hapsburgs selected a site near the village of Lipizza (in what is now Yugoslavia) for the cross-breeding of domestic mares with imported Spanish stallions, the coveted mounts of the time. The horses of Lipizza

were to be magnificent, suitable for stocking the stables of the royal court. They were. And are. Today Austrian Lipizzans perform at Vienna's Spanish Riding School in a hall resplendent with baroque ceiling and chandeliers.

About 1,200 Lipizzans exist in the world today, with Tempel Farms serving as home for the largest privately owned herd, now numbering 153. The late Tempel Smith, founder of Chicago's Tempel Steel Company, started the herd in 1958, when he imported 20 Lipizzans from Austria. Public performances didn't begin at Tempel Farms until 1982. The Lipizzans are more museum pieces than marketable commodities. "There's no real demand for horses with these unique talents, because there're only two places in the world that have Lipizzan performances like this," explains Roberta Williams, director of programme development and a rider in the young stallion segment. "We have horses here that no amount of money would make us part with them. But then we have some at different stages in training that we do sell," she says. The Christian Science Monitor.

When horse and rider perform in perfect harmony, with the two melding into one motion, then classical dressage is elevated from "style" to an art form. But sadly, it's an ephemeral art form — kept alive only in memory.

1988. The Christian Science Monitor.

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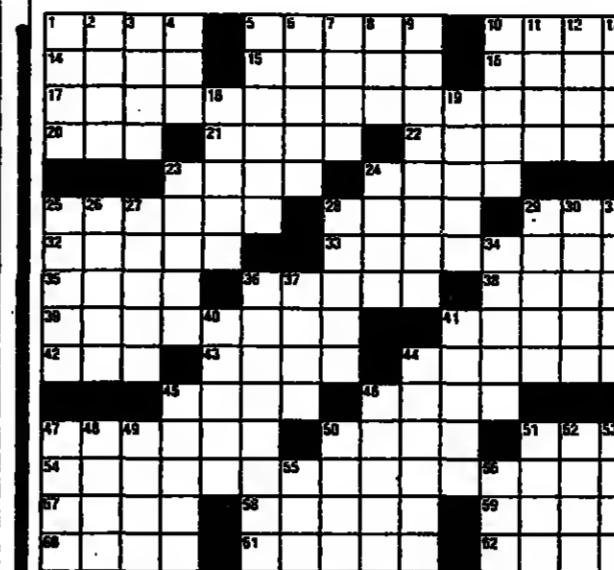
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- 2 What soma maha under SUBJECT
- 3 Not new
- 4 Poetic contraction
- 5 Saw
- 6 Put pressure on
- 7 Vapor: Comb. form
- 8 Utterance of jumper over SUBJECT
- 9 Sleeps
- 10 Bridal gown material
- 11 Shade of blue
- 12 Laka or city
- 13 Duck's habitat
- 18 Not hera
- 19 Part of a lasso

45 Lop, pruna

46 Picnic pasts

47 Ragarid highly

50 In a turmoil

51 Lawyers: Abbr.

54 What Buffalo Gals do with SUBJECT

57 Bohemian

58 Certain fisherman

59 Your majesty!

60 Larga amount

61 Shower

62 SUBJECT

63 Holiday time

37 Incursion

40 Rajah's lady

41 Flower part

44 Expresses scorn

45 Steno

46 Pale

48 A Roosevelt

49 Explosives, for short

50 King of the Huns

51 Exchange fee

52 By way of, old style

53 Brit. gun

55 Pro vote

56 Doctrine, theory

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THE GREAT DEFLECTION

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

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♦ 9 8 5 4 2
♦ KJ 10 8 6 3
♦ J 4

WEST

♦ A Q J 5 2
♦ J 6
♦ Q 7 2

EAST

♦ K 10 4 3
♦ 10 3
♦ 9 5
♦ 7 6

SOUTH

♦ 9 8 6
♦ A K Q 7
♦ A 4
♦ 10 9 5 2

The bidding:
South: 1 ♠
West: 1 ♣
North: 1 NT
East: 4 ♣
Pass
Pass
Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

When Dorothy Rice Sims perfected the psychic bid, its usual form was to open the bidding with values far short of an opening bid, generally in a suit where the opening bidder was short. For while that sowed confusion in the ranks, and the tactic enjoyed a spell of great popularity.

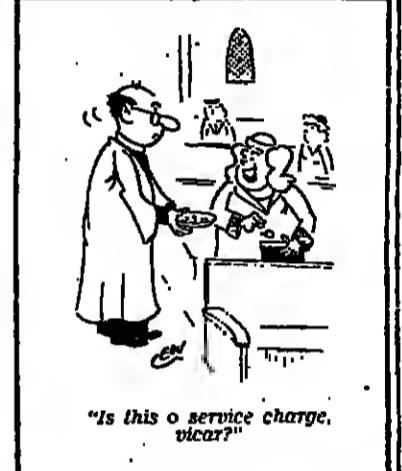
Eventually, however, even average players learned to cope with that sort of bluff, and the psychic bid fell into disrepute, only to return in another, more dangerous, guise. Instead of being wielded with a mallet, it was used with a velvet glove to camouflage the distribution of a

hand or to deflect an opening lead. It is a tactic that works even in the most exalted company, as this hand from a world championship event proves.

You won't find North's one trump overall in any bridge textbook we know of. In those times you will learn that need 8-10 points and a stopper for such action. But North knew that his hand was worthless defensively, and even detracted from his partner's defensive capacity. Or offense, however, his trick-taking ability was enormous, so he wanted to deter his non-vulnerable opponents from sacrificing.

He reaped no immediate reward, for East bluffed into four spades. Nevertheless, when North persevered with five hearts, both opponents decided that they had bad enough.

Now North's bidding really paid off handsomely. A glance at the full diagram shows that a club lead would have defeated the hand—West can ruff the third round with a trump higher than anything in dummy. But an unsuspecting West led his ace of spades, and it was all over. Declarer ruffed on the table, drew trumps in two rounds, then set up diamonds by ruffing the third round. A spade ruff provided an entry to dummy, so he ended up with an overtrick, losing only one club.



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

HARM	EPHOD	PUPA
ARDA	LAURA	ONES
HATCHETMAN	NOAK	ARCHIVES
MAGNET	WINNOWED	CATERS
RANDOM	REFINING	IRAN MINOR
ERGO	BOOTLEGGER	TALENTED
MIEN	LITRE	TAROES
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ALWAYS do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest — Mark Twain, US writer-humorist (1835-1910).

Israeli expulsions break some hearts

By Marcus Eliaon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (AP): To most Israelis, the four Palestinians expelled from the occupied West Bank for fomenting anti-Israeli unrest are little more than a string of names, ages and prison records.

But not to Dalia Landau. One of the deportees, Bashir Al Khairy, is her friend, and their friendship illuminates the anguish many Israelis feel about their Palestinian neighbours.

It seems an unlikely relationship. The 40-year-old Israeli woman is described by friends as extremely private and not given to public gestures. The Palestinian is an avowed militant who has spent 15 years in prison as a convicted guerrilla.

Letter

Last week, while in a hospital waiting to give birth to her first child Mrs Landau heard to her dismay that Al Khairy was being deported. She wrote him a letter, then decided to publish it.

Her husband Yehezkel typed her longhand draft and took it to the Jerusalem Post, which published it Thursday across nearly half its back page.

As one editor remarked: "It was one of the most moving things I ever read."

The story of this friendship is filled with poignant Middle Eastern imagery — a stone house, a lemon tree, an old man's tears, a young man's anger and a pregnant woman's fears for the world that awaits her child.

"We got to know each other 20 years ago under unusual and unexpected circumstances," the letter begins. "Ever since, we have become part of each other's lives."

Meeting

They first met after the 1967 Middle war when Al Khairy showed up at the house where she and her family lived. The house is in the central Israeli city of Ramle, where Al Khairy was born. The Al Khairys had fled when Israel took Ramle in 1948. Now it was occupied by Dalia Landau and her family, immigrants from Bulgaria.

Al Khairy's visit "was my first encounter with Palestinians," wrote Mrs Landau. She then visited his family in the West Bank city of Ramallah. They disagreed profoundly on politics. She believed in a Jewish state. He believed Zionism was a crime. But they became good friends.

Suharto cracks down on corruption

By Jeremy Cliff

JAKARTA. (Reuter): President Suharto has signalled a crackdown on widespread corruption in Indonesia, urging young people to be the government's eyes and ears" and report on graft suspects.

Saying corruption in South-East Asia's largest nation was getting worse, Suharto said young people should become the "eyes and ears of the authorities in fighting waste and embezzlement of development funds."

"The President has given a go signal, and this signifies the political will of the government to remedy the situation," former state prosecutor H.M. Daud told the Indonesian daily Kompas.

Suharto, 66, made his remarks to Indonesia's National Youth Committees, sparking a debate in the Indonesian press about whether it was possible to eradicate corruption in a country where it has become almost endemic.

Officials

The deputy chairman of the Parliament's economic and finance committee, Messakh, said the main problem was finding officials strong enough to stand up to corruption.

In many departments there was a kind of under-the-counter cooperation between senior officials and their staff, he said.

The Indonesian Observer said it was time to bring in tougher sentences for corrupt officials.

Several members of Parliament said that in the present tight economic situation there was no room for corruption.

"Everybody knows that development must go on and it requires a lot of funding. Therefore everybody should be aware of this and refrain from jeopardising the state coffers," he said.



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Major world issues in 1988

The new year has so far not produced any political surprises. The expected important events to happen are a Soviet troops withdrawal from Afghanistan and the superpower summit in Moscow.

cuts, likely to start at mid-year, will be crucial.

Western Europe is heavily out-gunned by its communist-governed neighbours but Western nations are reluctant to spend more on defence as the social security costs of aging populations rise, and currencies soar against the sliding US dollar, making exports expensive.

In elections in Sweden and Finland, centrist governments are expected to retain control.

In France's balloting this spring, right and left hope to end the "cohabitation" of a socialist President, Francois Mitterrand, and a conservative-dominated national assembly.

Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: Conservative Prime Minister Edward Seaga of Jamaica is expected to call for early elections in 1988, although the constitution does not require them before April 1989. He faces stiff opposition from Michael Manley, a socialist and former prime minister whose party boycotted the 1983 snap elections.

On Oct 25, Grenadians will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the US-led invasion that followed the execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop. Most Grenadians still call the US intervention a "rescue mission."

Puerto Rico will hold gubernatorial elections in November, with one of the likely outcomes being a referendum in 1989 to decide whether the island remains a US commonwealth, becomes the 51st state or an independent nation.

South America

SANTIAGO, Chile: South America enters the new year on a treadmill of economic woes and political uncertainty that will keep many young democracies running hard not to lose ground.

In giant Brazil, declining popular support has set the three-year-old civilian government of President Jose Sarney adrift amid economic confusion, and he could see his six-year term cut to four years in early 1988.

President Raul Alfonsin of Argentina enters the fifth year of a six-year term with resurgent inflation, a renewed Peronist opposition and an increasingly restive military. In Peru, leftist guerrillas, an unravelling economy and political polarisation are challenging President Alan Garcia's ability to govern.

East German and Bulgarian officials have voiced support for Soviet-style reforms, but little change has taken place despite indications of public support.

It also remains to be seen whether Czechoslovakia's new leader, Milos Jakes, will advocate economic reform.

Western Europe

LONDON: West Europeans will look more to each other for defence in 1988 as the United States starts pulling out its land-based nuclear missiles under the US-Soviet arms control agreement.

Britain and France, the only nuclear powers, plan a joint venture after agreeing to build a new air-launched nuclear missile.

France and West Germany are due to form a joint defence council and a joint military brigade, while the seven-nation West European Union will try to bolster the European pillar of Nato.

Talks on conventional arms

Jakes

Zia-ul-Haq

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nobrega sees debt accord in first half of 1988

SÃO PAULO, Jan 18. (Reuters): Finance Minister Mário Nobrega said in an interview published yesterday he was optimistic Brazil would reach a debt accord with creditors in the first half of 1988.

The interview coincided with talks which began in New York between bankers and a Brazilian delegation led by Central Bank governor Fernando Milliet on how to relieve Brazil's commercial debt problems.

Nobrega told the newspaper O Estado De São Paulo that Brazil would adopt a pragmatic stance in order to reach an agreement quickly.

Nobrega, a non-party technocrat, took over the finance ministry last week. Brazil's foreign debt totals \$113 billion.

Asked if he would introduce changes in Brazilian debt proposals, he said he would change some basic points.

"In the first place, we are ready to sign an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). But this is not a pre-condition for arriving at an agreement with the banks. It is not necessary that first of all we make an agreement with the fund, to make one afterwards with the banks."

"The negotiation can be parallel, but there will not be a link between these accords. We are going to be pragmatic enough to make a quick agreement because this is important."

Nobrega said it would clearly not be possible to reach an accord with banks by the established deadline of Friday, but there were mechanisms for delaying the deadline.

"We are optimistic and believe that we are going to reach an accord in the first half of 1988," he said.

Brazil will be more secretive than in the past about its debt strategy, he said.

"We have said that the strategy of the external debt has to be secret. I think Brazil has made public statements about this strategy, giving time to creditors to prepare themselves and examine our proposals before sitting down at the negotiating table," he said.

Venezuela earns \$13m from coal exports

CARACAS, Jan 18. (Opecna): Venezuelan coal exports from the Guasara mines in Zulia state have generated more than \$13 million in foreign currency since the first overseas shipment was made in November 1987.

"Coal exports are expected to reach about one million tons this year and plans are in hand to increase the level to 6.5 million tons by 1995."

The Guasara mines are operated by Carbozulia, a joint venture between Petróleos De Venezuela (PDVSA), the state oil company, ACC Venezuela and Agip Carbone of Italy.

PDVSA holds a 49 per cent interest in Carbozulia which was set up last year to develop the Zulia state coal deposits.

Arrangements

Under the arrangements with ACC Venezuela Inc. and Agip Carbone, Carbozulia is assured access to sophisticated coal development technology and participation in trade networks in consuming countries.

To handle the Carbozulia coal, PDVSA is likely to open an overseas office in the Dutch Antilles with headquarters in the Netherlands.

GM to sell assembly line to China

BEIJING, Jan 18. (AP): General Motors Corp. has agreed to sell a \$16.5 million second-hand assembly line to a Beijing engine factory, an official report said today.

Operation

The assembly line started operation in 1982, with a production capacity of 300,000 two-liter engines a year, but stopped operation in 1984, the state-run Xinhua news agency said. It did not say why the line was stopped.

The assembly line is expected to start operation in Beijing in late 1990 and to put out 150,000 engines in 1992, it said. The Chinese company will pay for the equipment over 10 years, it added.

Opec cuts output

Oil price haggling reduces purchases

NICOSIA, Jan 18. (AP): Haggling over oil price continues and the amount of Opec crude being lifted by Japanese and Western buyers is lower than expected in January, an oil newsletter reported today.

Overall, the respected Middle East Economic Survey quoted Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, as saying current Opec output is down to between 16 and 16.5 million barrels a day, 2.5-3 million barrels a day less than the level in the fourth quarter of 1987.

MEES said that Kuwait's National Oil Company was

"locked into tough negotiations with its Japanese customers on price terms for contract crude."

With some Opec crude, particularly Iranian, selling at prices well under the Opec-decreed \$18 a barrel, the Japanese buyers are insisting on price concessions.

The Kuwaitis are understood to have felt obliged to examine their price options following widespread market discounting elsewhere, particularly the offering of large volumes of Iranian crude in Europe," the Nicosia-based newsletter said.

Meanwhile it is said that Idemitsu, the largest Japanese user of Kuwaiti crude, "has served official notice of its

decision to terminate its contracts" for 120,000 barrels a day of Kuwaiti oil, with effect from Jan 31.

MEES said that Abu Dhabi, the largest producer in the UAE has flatly refused to consider lowering its prices from the Opec level to market levels. It said that as a result first quarter production in the Gulf could fall sharply from its Opec-set quota of 300,000.

Liftings

Two US shareholders in the Abu Dhabi Petroleum Co., Exxon and Mobil have decided to cancel their Abu Dhabi liftings altogether and European shareholders are expected to cut back,

it said.

In a letter to the foreign shareholder-holders, UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Oteiba said, "we would blame you for any economic damage that may be experienced by the UAE as a result of any measures you make take," MEES said.

The letter flatly refused to discuss discounts, "whoever wishes to pursue our oil, this is our price. And whoever does not accept, we have no oil for him," it said.

Negative

Oteiba said the attitude of the companies was "negative" and "would create problems that would spread and affect all."

MEES said Japan and Iran are

still negotiating price but in the meantime, despite Iranian price concessions, Japanese purchases for January and February "will fall substantially short of the original target of 242,000 barrels a day." As of now the totals look like 100,000 barrels a day for January and 200,000 for February.

MEES said it understands that Nigerian production has fallen from its Opec-set quota of 1.3 million barrels a day in around 1 million barrels a day.

The newsletter said this is due to buyers unwilling to pay official prices and Nigeria unwilling to offer oil at market-related prices.

Italian team for Indonesia

JAKARTA, Jan 18. (Opecna): Indonesia will set up a geothermal power plant on Mount Salak, about 60 km south of here, under a \$71 million loan from Italy.

The loan, discussed during the recent visit of Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Giuseppe Goria here, will also include rupiah funds for local expenditures of about \$8.20 million.

Plant

Work on the plant, to consist of two 55 MW generating units, will begin this year and is scheduled for completion in 1992.

The main construction will be carried out by an Italian contractor, but Indonesian firms will also participate.

According to State Minister for National Development Dr Johannes Berchman Sumarlin, the loan agreement will be signed shortly.

No sudden move to push economic measures

Takeshita likely to go slow at home

TOKYO, Jan 18. (Reuters): Japan's Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita is not likely to move quickly to push economic and market-opening measures discussed during his first official visit to Washington last week.

A cautious approach could increase his ultimate chance of success at home but could spark US ire over what Americans see as a glacial pace of change, political analysts said.

Endure

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Noboru Takeshita

Takeshita's visit has already provoked sharp criticism from private American industry, US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter and key US congressmen.

Senator John Danforth said

the visit had not changed his views on the need for a tough trade bill.

Japanese business leaders welcomed news of a Reagan-Takeshita agreement to intervene in markets to stop any further slide by the dollar, but currency dealers and economists were sceptical.

Besides worries over exchange rates, Takeshita will be faced with two thorny market-opening issues upon his return. The US had demanded that Japan open its public works projects to US construction firms.

Import

It has also insisted Japan dismantle quotas on its imports of beef, oranges and orange juice by the end of March, when a four-year pact setting quotas on these goods expires.

During Takeshita's visit, the US and Japan agreed to start talks on ways to allow more foreign participation in government-funded construction

projects.

Takeshita also told reporters in Washington he had made it clear to Reagan that Japan would accept a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) panel recommendation calling for Tokyo to scrap import quotas on 10 farm goods by February.

But analysts said Takeshita carefully avoided making any hard and fast pledges which could make him vulnerable to direct attack from supporters of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

But while the impression Takeshita is dragging his feet may be US anger, his cautious, consensus-building may ultimately reap success.

"Diplomacy is not possible without domestic political strength," said deputy chief cabinet secretary Ichiro Ozawa in a press interview. "Those who are strong in domestic politics are strong in diplomacy as well."

US trade figures give Fed more flexibility

WASHINGTON, Jan 18. (Reuters): The sharp fall in November's US trade deficit and promising inflation data should give the Federal Reserve Board more room to cut interest rates if the economy slows as some forecasters fear, economists say.

At the same time, a long-awaited cut in the persistently high trade deficit should help offset protectionist pressures in Congress giving the Fed more flexibility to manage the US economy.

"They don't need to defend the dollar and they have extremely favourable inflation news," said Bruce Smith, senior economist with IHS Financial Services, a Minneapolis-based subsidiary of American Express Co.

Narrowed

The Commerce Department reported on Friday that the monthly US trade deficit had narrowed to \$13.22 billion in November from October's record 17.6 billion deficit as exports surged 15.3 per cent in December, after they were unchanged in November.

"We're probably past the high water mark on the trade deficit," Smith said. "The 17.6 billion deficit (in October) was probably the high water mark."

Internationally coordinated central bank intervention helped stabilise the US unit before Friday's trade data sent it sharply higher.

Levy, senior economist at Philadelphia's Fidelity Bank.

International intervention buying in support of a minimum world price for cocoa above the current average market level can resume next Tuesday, leading cocoa producing and consuming countries agreed.

"I hope this decision will help to stabilise the market," said Peter Baron, the consumers' West German spokesman.

Producer delegates generally welcomed the accord, saying that intervention-buying should offset downward pressures on prices from world overproduction and benefit their cash-strapped economies.

"The agreement will provide the market with a safety net," said a Dutch trader, who had forecast a slump in prices next week if the talks had ended in failure. The trader spoke on condition of anonymity.

"All the fundamentals remain in place for the deficit to decline further in 1988. There is never a good time to erect protectionist trade barriers, but this would clearly be the worst possible time to do so," Yeutter said in a statement.

The improved trade data and inflation outlook takes some pressure off administration policymakers, economists said.

Some economists believe financial markets are paying undue attention to monthly numbers that may be unreliable and are not adjusted to take into account seasonal factors.

US policymakers have appeared reluctant to see interest rates go higher, which could threaten economic growth during this presidential election year.

Favourable inflation and trade reports mean the Fed has a better opportunity to lower rates to boost growth if an expected slowdown in consumer spending begins for a weaker dollar.

But the dollar stabilised and imports dropped.

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When BP announced its intention to bid towards the end of last year, the plan immediately ran into difficulties when the govern-

ment said it would use its controlling 'Golden Share' in Britoil to prevent any bidder gaining control.

Britoil's independent valuation is likely to form one of the main planks of its formal defence against the offer, to be posted to its 180,000 shareholders shortly, analysts said.

BP has already built up a near 30 per cent stake in its target.

The publication of the BP's offer document leaves the company to cut the overseas stake in the company by about five per cent, to the 15 per cent limit set by the government at the time of the sell-off last May.

Deadline

In November, Rolls-Royce set a deadline of early January for the 8,000 foreign institutions and private investors to sell the excess.

They had been earmarked on a "last-in, first-out" basis, but in the wake of October's stock market crash proved unwilling to offload their stock.

Many paid well over 200 pence (\$3.6) for their shares last year, but like all other quoted firms,

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World Business Summary

15 pc rise in US farm exports predicted

WASHINGTON, Jan 18. (AP): Farm exports should reach \$32 billion in fiscal 1988, a full 15 per cent more than last year, the Agricultural Department says.

Increasing sales of wheat to China and Egypt, soybeans and cotton in Japan and the European Economic Community, and soybeans, soybean meal and wheat in the Soviet Union should fuel the department's prediction.

It forecasts a

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London — London staff of manufacturers Hanover Corp are likely to be spared severe reductions despite news last Thursday that the New York based bank plans to cut its staff by 2,500 and close some of its offices as part of a restructuring move.

Paris — Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole said it is issuing for its own account a two billion franc domestic bond in two equal tranches of one billion francs, one with a fixed coupon and the other with a variable.

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8.7-3/4	8-9/16 1/2	9-7/8
FFT	3.20/25	3.40/45	3.40/45
PAR	7-7/16 1/2	8-8/16	8-3/8 1/2
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-3/8 1-5/8	2 2-1/4
BRI	4.50	6-1/2 5/8	6-1/2 5/8
ROM	9 11-1/2	10-1/8 10-5/8	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS	3.5 4.0	4-1/8 4-1/4	4-3/16 4-5/16
TOK	3.4375 5000	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9375
ECU	6.06 6.31	6.31 6.43	6.62 6.75

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-9/16	4-1/16
3 months	4-5/16	4-7/8
6 months	4-13/16	5-1/4
1 year	4-3/16	5-3/4

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	34.50	34.75	34	NODITALKALI	--	--
ACC	171	171	166	GRAYCON	--	--	--	NARHADNAT	--	--
ANHADADV	--	--	--	GSFC	107.50	107	109.50	ORKAY	27.50	27
ANHADADV400	--	--	--	GUJPETRO	--	23	24	PRAENATO	28.50	28.75
ANDRAZEN	10.50	10.25	10	GAILCOR	97.50	93.50	93.50	RAYMOND CD	--	28
ANDRA VLY	--	--	--	HINDALCO	131	131.25	129	RAYMOND	94	92.50
BAJAJ AUTO	495	492.50	483.75	NYLAMP	--	--	--	RELIANCE	108	107
BAL RAYON	160	155	157.50	IND ORG	20.50	20	19.50	SPIC	33.50	33.75
BON DYING	117	118	116.50	INDRAYON	55	54	53	STD MILLS	280	270
BONBAY STOCK PRICES	--	--	--	INDROL	210	208.75	201.25	STD MEDICAL	12.50	14.50
BSE INDEX	467.65	467.65	467.65	ITC	37	36	37	STEELTUBE	--	--
CENTURYSPE	695	690	680	ITC CD	--	--	--	TATA PWR	187.50	187.50
COLGATE	206.25	207.50	203.75	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHEM	71	70
DEEPAKFERT	34	33	33	JKSYNT	61.50	61	61	TATAOIL	.83	.84
DHARCEMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	92	92.50	90	TELCO	390	380
FICOM ORG	--	--	--	HAGUARAH	--	--	--	UDAIPHOSPH	--	270
GARUPOLY	--	82	81.50	MARINDRA	61	60	60	VOLTAS	270	265

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE
AEG	183.8	175.7	AIJINMOTO	3140	3120	MITSUB CP	1030	1020	MITSUB EL	565	547
ALLIANZ VR	1226.0	1115.0	AKAI ELEC	454	450	MITSUB EST	1640	1610	ASAH GAS	1730	1730
BADENWERK	170.0	170.8	AKI OPT	935	924	MITSUB IVY	546	527	ASAH OPT	560	560
BASF	241.5	236.0	ASAHY	1730	1730	MITSUKOSHI	1450	1450	BANK TOKYO	1330	1310
BAUER	258.0	248.0	BRIDGESTON	1240	1200	MITSUMI EL	940	940	DAI H	1240	1240
BAUER HYP	314.0	305.0	CANON	995	941	MITSUMI	1430	1430	DAIICEL	769	749
BATER VER	318.0	310.0	CASIO COMP	1200	1160	MIP ELE	2140	2050	DAIWA R	1540	1520
BBC	285.0	278.2	CHIGAI MNG	0	1450	MIP KKOKAN	282	282	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950
BHF	503.0	294.0	CITIZEN W	575	560	MIP OIL	1040	1040	DAIWA SEC	1950	1950
CHIEHE-VER	0	120.0	D-ICHI KAN	2850	2830	MIP STEEL	382	379	DAIWA SEC	1170	1160
CONNERZBK	213.0	208.5	DAI-HIP IK	744	739	MIP YUSEN	503	496	DAIICEL	155.00	154.00
CONTI GUHM	195.8	184.0	DAI-HIP PT	2540	2530	MITSU MOTOR	763	773	DAIWA SEC	31.00	30.00
DAIMER BEN	575.0	554.0	DAI NIP SC	925	900	MOMURA SEC	3020	2940	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
DEUTSC BNK	402.0	387.0	DAI NIP TO	445	450	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	130.00	130.00
DLW	305.0	305.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
DRESDNER B	228.0	219.5	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
DT BACBOK	149.0	148.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
FAZ INDEX	422.65	423.42	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
GOLDSCHMID	230.5	225.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
GUTENHOFF	0	0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
KARPEREN	395.0	392.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
HOECHST AG	247.0	238.5	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
HORSTEN	163.0	158.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
HUSSEL HLD	381.0	384.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
KALI SALZ	119.2	115.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
KARSTADT	352.0	362.2	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
KAUFHOF	346.0	352.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
KLOECK H	90.7	88.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
LINDE	550.0	536.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
LUFTHANSA	138.3	131.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
MAN	151.0	143.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
MANNESMAN	107.0	102.8	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
MERCEDES	474.0	454.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
METALLGES	210.0	200.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
HUXDORF PF	534.5	522.5	DAIWA SEC	3020	2950	MOMBA CO	970	920	DAIWA SEC	117.00	116.00
NORK HYD	41.10	38.50	DAIWA SEC	3020							

Gold prices down

Dollar and shares hold ground

NEW YORK, Jan 18. (Reuters): The dollar was little changed and stocks were higher in very light trading today on the holiday, commemorating the birth of the assassinated US civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

While stocks and currency markets were open, the US government, treasury markets and many banks were closed.

Stocks traders said volume was expected to decline markedly by late afternoon.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 8 points at 1,964 on very slow mid-morning turnover of 82 million shares.

Boosted

Brokers said that despite the lack of major players, investor confidence was slightly boosted due to the better-than-expected decline in the US November trade deficit which was released on Friday.

Today's gain came on the heels of the 39.96 point gain in the Dow index on Friday.

The dollar held onto gains made in Friday trading, with the US currency trading in a quiet, narrow range. It was at 1.6845 marks and 130.20 yen, near Friday's close of 1.6875 marks.

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The 30-year US Treasury bond, considered the bellwether of the market, closed on Friday at 8.79 per cent, a sharp decline from the 9.03 per cent on Thursday, before the US trade figure was released.

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and 130.90 yen. The British pound was unchanged at \$1.7720.

The dollar and shares both rose on international markets today, but dealers overseas said they were wary of pushing financial markets too far, too fast in response to the sharp drop in the US trade deficit.

"While the market is able to hold onto gains, and that is a good sign of investor confidence, the Federal Reserve still needs to bring rates down a bit more before consumers come back to stocks," said a Richmond, Virginia-based stock analyst.

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and persistent worries over the longer-term US trade and budget position.

In Tokyo, the world's biggest market, the Nikkei 225-share average rose 306.55 points, or 1.36 per cent, to end its first trading day since Thursday at 22,910.20. But second thoughts prevailed there, too. The index had soared nearly 508 points in the first 35 minutes of trading and then eased off.

Relieved

"The market was relieved, but there are still people who want to sell," said Tadaaki Uehara, deputy general manager of Wako Securities in Tokyo. "The horizon is not totally clear yet."

The price of gold, often seen as a haven when other investments weaken, was fixed in London at \$475.85 an ounce, down \$6 from Friday's close.

But despite the US report on Friday that its trade deficit for November fell to \$13.22 billion from a record monthly gap of \$16.3 billion in October, investors remained nervous.

Dealers say the stubbornly high US trade deficit, along with an almost equally large budget

deficit, were at the heart of the October stock market crash.

The US government's need for funds soaked up a lot of this money—but in a sluggish world economy, economists argued that money could have been better spent investing in boosting production of goods.

Investors worried that the only way out was recession.

So Friday's report of a sharp drop in the trade deficit was good news—the dollar jumped five pennies on that news. Those European markets that were still open—London, Paris and Amsterdam—soared.

Today was Frankfurt's turn.

Shares rose five per cent in active trading. Big exporters, especially car firms, posted the largest gains and the Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index rose 10.68 points, or 4.15 per cent, to open at 267.73.

Rose

Swiss shares rose 2.4 per cent, with the All-Share Swiss index up 18.4 points at 774.6. Milan's MIB index rose 3.8 per cent.

Amsterdam, which gained five per cent on Friday, opened mixed, with the CBS All-Share index up just 0.2 points at 72. The Paris bourse indicator slipped

0.1 per cent.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 82.42 points, or 3.4 per cent, to 2,512.19 while Singapore shares rose 5.5 per cent and Sydney's All-Ordinaries index rose 15.8 points to 1,293.3.

Strong

Meanwhile, the US Commerce Secretary William Verity said yesterday he believes the US economy is strong enough to stabilise the dollar at about its current level, following its sharp recent decline.

"I think it's going to stabilise because of our strong economy—the fact that we have a lot of people coming to this country to invest because this is still the best place to invest," Verity said in an ABC news television interview.

But Verity declined to comment on the Reagan administration's policy regarding the level of the dollar.

"I think the call on exchange rates is really the president's and I think the president has said he feels the dollar is at about the right level," Verity said.

"And I believe that's true and I believe the dollar will be stabilising at current levels," he continued.



Floor dealers in hectic trading at the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday as the dollar jumped sharply on Friday news of a narrower US trade gap in November. Asian investors go on buying spree in celebration of surprisingly trim US trade deficit and stronger dollar. (Reuter wirephoto)

China plans return of private land to solve farm crisis

PEKING, Jan 18. (Reuters): China is considering the restoration of private land ownership—blasphemy to hardline Marxists

—to solve a deepening farm crisis that has led to food shortages, rationing and near record grain imports.

The People's Daily on Sunday devoted half a page to a sombre report on the crisis by Agriculture Minister He Kang.

"Farm output is growing too slowly and consumer demand too fast... prices of grain, pork, cotton and sugar are too low, making farmers reluctant to produce them and stimulating demand... and making shortages worse," the minister said.

He gave the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, the facts and figures of the country's 1987 farm performance—grain and cotton up, but below target, pork and sugar down, most other crops up, but farmers unwilling to put their money in the land.

Output

How to raise farm output has been the top item on the national agenda since the autumn, when

shortages of pork, the meat staple, led to rationing in major cities.

Cai said that the current situation is as if the land belonged to nobody, not the peasant who cannot sell it, nor the state which gets no taxes from it and not the collective because it is leased out to the farmer.

Another Cai economist said private land ownership was ideologically impossible for three reasons: because the party feared a division between rich and poor in the countryside, as

existed before 1949, that no-one would feed the poor, and that land prices were bound to soar because it was so scarce.

Another idea pushed since 1984 is consolidation of China's minuscule farm plots.

Cai said that only two per cent of arable land had been consolidated because peasants were unwilling to part with their plots even if they were not farming them for fear that they would be unable to get them back and because there was no penalty for not farming them.

A long article last week in the Financial Times argued that the solution to the farm crisis was commercialisation of land, with tenants having the right to rent their plots directly to others for profit, which they cannot do now.

Shi Yousheng said plots were getting smaller and smaller and technology was too backward.

Poverty

"To change the poverty of our villages, we must use modern scientific techniques and mechanisation with land as a commodity," an idea very close to land ownership but sensitive enough so that the minister declined to reveal the identity of Shi, a pen-name.

For the first 30 years of Communist rule, farmers got very low prices for their goods to provide the funds to finance China's rapid industrialisation, just as they did in the Soviet Union.

"We had no colonies, like the capitalist countries, when they industrialised," Cai said. "Where else could we find the capital we need except from the farms?"

Shevardnadze urges easing of technology export restrictions

Soviet-West German relations had stressed the need to deepen ties to create a safer "European home."

Sources close to the delegations said Shevardnadze had called for an easing of restrictions on East-West trade imposed by the Western trade body Cocom, the Coordinating Committee for Multinational Export Controls.

The Soviet appeal comes at a time when West Germany, pushed by its business community, is seeking greater Cocom flexibility on exports of advanced technology to Eastern Europe.

Cocom was set up in 1950 to prevent sales to Communist countries of technology with possible military applications. It groups all Nato members except Iceland, and includes Japan.

Moscow is seeking an easing of Cocom restrictions on such items as advanced computers to push forward the economic reforms of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Foreign analysts said Bonn, while retaining security as its top priority, considered the time had come for Cocom to work out a sensible middle path in its list of restricted goods.

They said West German leaders viewed world political stability as linked to Soviet progress on domestic reform.

But diplomats said that while some West European countries agreed with Bonn that the Cocom list needed review, the United States wanted to retain tight restrictions and was expected to oppose moves to allow more high-tech exports to Moscow.

The Foreign Ministry statement said Gorbachev noted that the West German public supported Bonn's intention to boost links with Moscow.

Interests

"This cooperation is not directed against anyone," the statement said. "It is in the interests of all nations in Europe and the world."

Analysts said the statement implicitly acknowledged Western concern about a Bonn-Moscow rapprochement.

They said some Nato members feared closer ties between the Soviet Union and West Germany, the Western alliance's frontline state, could encourage moves toward German neutrality.

During their talks today, Gorbachev accepted an invitation from Shevardnadze to visit Moscow at an undetermined date, diplomats said.

They said the ministers had noted the importance of a summit between Gorbachev and Chancellor Helmut Kohl but had not discussed dates.

EEC ministers discuss key policy initiative

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan 18. (AP): Agriculture ministers of the European Economic Community opened debate today on a proposal for paying farmers in

land out of production.

The proposal, which must be approved by the 12 member governments, is widely seen as a key to unlocking negotiations on a broader reform of EEC farm policy and an overhaul of its financial structure.

An EEC summit conference in Copenhagen last month failed to reach agreement on the financial overhaul, in part because of West Germany's insistence that it include a plan for taking some land out of production.

Alm

The main aim of the "set aside" programme is to stem the rise in surplus stocks of grain and other products, which are straining the EEC's farm budget.

The programme is generally welcomed by all EEC members, but there has been deep disagreement over how it would be implemented and financed.

The farm ministers were not expected to make a decision on the set-aside programme until Tuesday at the earliest. At the outset of today's meeting, West German Agriculture Minister Ignaz Kieckle said an eventual decision was "important for Europe." He was chairman of the talks.

Payments

"We have to come to a conclusion," Kieckle said. "Don't think it will be easier later on."

Most member nations think farmers should have to set aside at least 20 per cent of their productive land for a minimum of five years to qualify for payments, which would come partly from the EEC budget and partly from national budgets.

New exploration drive planned

ANCHORAGE, Jan 18. (UPI): For the first time since oil prices plunged more than two years ago, major new exploration and development is planned at the Eileen West End, the last undeveloped acreage at America's largest oil field, Prudhoe Bay.

The companies unveiled plans during the weekend for America's last oil frontier, an indication that the industry is no longer in retreat. The plans are modest by past standards, but significant because they signal a new start for the industry in a state that produces 24 per cent of America's crude oil.

"There are glimmers, now, of better times to come," the chief executive officer of Standard Oil Co. of Cleveland, E. John P. Browne, said Saturday.

On target

He said the "theme for this meeting—turnaround—should be right on target," an opinion shared by other oil company officials.

Browne said Standard planned

to spend \$350 million to launch development of the Niakuk oil field a mile off the north coast of Alaska, and of the Eileen West End, the last undeveloped acreage at America's largest oil field, Prudhoe Bay.

Ben Odom, senior vice-president for Arco Alaska operations, said he was "a little nervous" about the future, but announced Arco will soon drill its first Alaska wildcat exploratory wells since 1985. He said Arco will double its 1987 spending to \$300 million this year developing Alaska oil fields.

Conoco's oil development on the Arctic coast at Milne Point field—shut down as unprofitable when oil prices plummeted—will start up again in a \$34-million drilling and expansion programme, said Tom Painter, division manager.

Tenneco and nine partners already have started a \$55-million search for oil from an oil drilling ship anchored in the

ing young company.

Funds often work closely with such enterprises to develop products, marketing strategies and financial plans, including taking the company public, a time when investors reap the rewards of backing a company in its infancy.

Venture capital supported companies whose names have now become household words, such as Apple Computer Inc. of Cupertino, California, and Genentech Inc. of South San Francisco.

Venture

Typically, venture investors take the long view, deferring short-term gains in hopes of bigger rewards in five or seven years.

Such strategy minimises the impact of what are seen as short-term events, such as the plunge in the stock market on Oct. 19, experts said.

Ideas

Venture capitalists typically seek out scientists or marketers with exciting ideas, and individuals eager to invest, amassing pools of money that may be used as "seed money" for a strug-

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PORT EVERGLADES police keep an eye on the ship Boxer Captain Cook. The crew was kept on board for questioning by FBI and others in the death of the captain on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENTIAL candidate Leslie Manigat gestures as he talks with reporters on Sunday after arriving at the Port au Prince townhall to vote. Many Haitians have accused the Army of manipulating the elections to favour Manigat in the eleven-man race. (Reuter wirephoto)



TOWNSPEOPLE mill around at the entrance to the Fourth Infantry Brigade, where a rebel Air Force commando took charge yesterday, leading a military uprising against the Army high command. The commando (below left) was taken into custody after a group from the Air Force took control of the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Airport, the nation's major domestic field, in support of the military uprising by Army mutineer Aldo Rico. (Reuter wirephoto)



STANDING in the dock are six defendants accused of being involved in a series of unexplained robberies that resulted in 28 deaths. They were on trial in Mons, Belgium, yesterday. From left, they are: Michel Cocu, Michel Baudet, Adriano Vittorio, Jean-Claude Estevenart, Josef de Bruyn and Kaci Bouaroudj. (Reuter wirephoto)



A RELEASED Palestinian (left) welcomed by friends outside Gaza jail on Sunday. Mohamed Abdou Mahmoud, arrested for stone-throwing during the recent riots in the Gaza Strip, was freed after spending three weeks in jail. (Reuter wirephoto)



HAITIAN leader Lt Gen. Henri Namphy is seen in uniform in this file photo made earlier this month. Namphy, 53, is due to cede power on February 7, to a civilian president after two years as interim president. (Reuter wirephoto)



ANGLICAN church envoy Terry Waite is shown with his Druze guards on January 19, 1987, the day before Waite disappeared. (Reuter wirephoto)



LEADING Soviet dissident Isaf Begun waves to reporters and friends as he arrives this morning at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport to board a plane to Bucharest. Far right is Begun's wife Inna and, centre, her 79-year-old mother Dvoira. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Prince Edward, Queen Elizabeth's youngest son (left), chats with composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and his wife Sarah Brightman at Windsor Castle in this 1986 file photo. Buckingham Palace announced yesterday that the Prince is to become the first member of the royal family ever to pursue a career in theatre when he joins Lloyd Webber's "Really Useful Theatre Company" as a production assistant next month. (Reuter wirephoto)



A HAITIAN soldier watches a line of voters waiting to vote on Sunday in presidential elections in Port au Prince. Security was heavy at polling stations as voter turnout was low in Sunday's voting. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dear Junior Readers,

This is the time of year when many of you enjoy weekend picnics in the desert with your families. It is a welcome change to be able to forget about the city and school for a few hours and eat and play at a nice picnic spot away from buildings, highways and traffic.

Recently the Arab Times has carried many articles about the importance of preserving the natural beauty of Kuwait's desert by protecting plants and shrubs which grow naturally with the winter rains.

As you have your picnics and play with your family and friends be careful that you do not trample on delicate flowers and grass. Maybe you could also ask your father to drive around green areas so the car tires do not destroy this rare beauty.

Of course, cleaning up after you eat, is something you would automatically do. A large plastic bag is convenient for collecting rubbish and scraps and can easily be thrown away when you return to your home.

Enjoy your weekend picnics but be sure and do your part in preserving Kuwait's desert beauty.

Aunt Barbara

Firsts and lasts

The word 'school' originally meant 'leisure.' It came from 'schole' which is Greek for 'leisure.'

The first satellite launched by the Americans at Cape Canaveral in 1957 exploded before it had got more than one metre (3 1/2 feet) above the ground.

Many of our words in the English language have their origins in the Latin of the Romans. Many of these words have political meanings, the most obvious of these being the word 'candidate.' This first came into the English language because Roman senators or politicians wore white togas as a mark of their rank. The Latin for white is 'candida' so candidates were 'the white ones.'

Search for magic

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

ARMS	DOVES	HELPER	RABBITS
AUDIENCES	EYES	MOVIES	RICH
CARDS	FAKERS	NEW	RINGS
CHAINS	FAIRY	OUT	ROPE
CREDIBLE	FOOLING	PASS	SCARF
DARE	GONG	QUICK	SHOT
DEFYING	TALK		



Openers

Listed below are the opening lines from a number of famous English and American literary works. How many authors and titles can you identify?

1. 'Call me Ishmael.'
2. 'Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold'
3. 'Come live with me and be my love.'
4. 'He was born with the gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad.'
5. 'What dire offence from am'rous causes springs.'
6. 'In the year 1878 I took my degree of Doctor of Medicine of the University of London.'
7. 'One thing was certain, that the white kitten had had nothing to do with it — it was the black kitten's fault entirely.'
8. 'He did not wear his scarlet coat/For blood and wine are red.'

9. 'I was born in the year 1632, in the city of York, of a good family, though not of that county, my father being a foreigner of Bremen, who settled first at Hull.'

10. 'It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.'

Answers: 1. Hermann Melville, *Moby Dick*. 2. John Keats, 'On First Looking into Chapman's Homer'. 3. Christopher Marlowe, 'The Passionate Shepherd to His Love'. 4. Rafael Sabatini, *Scaramouche*. 5. Alexander Pope, *The Rape of the Lock*. 6. Arthur Conan Doyle, *A Study in Scarlet*. 7. Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking-Glass*. 8. Oscar Wilde, *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*. 9. Daniel Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*. 10. Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*.

DENNIS was a kindly dragon.
And he found it lots of fun.

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On the Model Railway run.

But as weeks turned into months and months turned into several years,

Dennis Dragon grew dejected — Sighing sighs and shedding tears.

"What is wrong with you?" the train man Asked him one day, in despair.

You're upset, and sad

and gloomy It's no fun now, at the fair."

"I don't know," replied poor Dennis.

Looking all cross-eyed and glum.

"You must need a rest," the man said.

"Get off home and see your Mum."

So the dreary dragon started Out for home, still filled with gloom.

He was met with love

and kindness, Put to bed in his old room.

But in spite of all Mum's efforts

He stayed weary, sad and blue.

Then his Mother told him firmly,

"I know what is wrong with you!"

You are now a grown-up dragon.

Handsome, strong and full of pride.

You need someone sweet and gentle —

As a girlfriend, then a bride."

Dennis Dragon blushed bright green — and

Then he blushed bright pink and red.

He was shy of lady dragons,

But he did what his Mum said.

Next day, in the local paper

There appeared in letters bold,

"WANTED — one

bride for a dragon —

Must be kind, and good as gold."

Rushing up and down the pathway

Green and yellow, pink or blue

Dragon Ladies pushed and jostled

As they tried to jump the queue!

Jumping coin

The illusion:

An empty matchbox is placed on top of someone's head and is balanced there as a coin is sealed inside an envelope. The envelope is placed on a second person's head who stands at least three feet away. A clap of the hands and the magic is done. The envelope is torn open and shown to be empty, and the missing coin is found inside the closed matchbox.

The preparation:

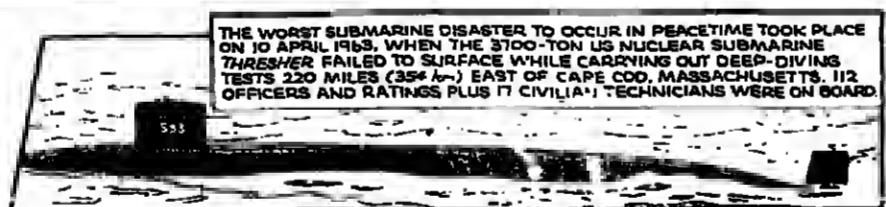
Push the drawer of a matchbox about two-thirds of the way out of its cover. Slide a penny into the opposite end of the cover and wedge it between the inner end of the drawer and the top of the cover (1). Prepare the envelope by slitting almost the entire length of one end with a sharp razor blade (2). Have a duplicate coin in your pocket and you're ready to do the trick.

The trick:

Show the inside of the empty matchbox by holding it toward the audience and with the drawer rising above the cover, thumb on the bottom, fingers on the top. Close the box by gently sliding the drawer down into the cover (3). Ask someone to imitate a magician's table and as you place the box on top of his or her head, squeeze the sides of the box to free the coin. Remove the penny from your pocket, show it, and drop it into the envelope, making sure the slit end is held slightly higher than the other. Now as you seal the envelope tilt it in the other direction so that the penny secretly slides into your waiting fingers (4). Gently put the envelope on a second person's head to also use their talents as a table.

Clap your hands to create the magic force. Remove the envelope from "Table No. 2," tear off the slit end, and let the person examine the envelope. Without going near "Table No. 1" have the person take the box from his or her head and open it. There is the missing coin. Well, if you call it the missing coin, they'll believe you?

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



The curse of the lost idol

ing.

Too late! As Annie clambered up the first few rungs of the ladder, she felt a strong hand grasp her leg. She tried to grab it and push it away but she got a head instead — she felt hair, an ear and something sharp that scratched her hand. Then suddenly she was free. The thief must have lost his balance.

As Annie made her way back to the boat, she began to feel frightened. She tried to pull herself together — but she knew she wasn't just being silly. It really was very scary scrambling across a strange desert all alone in the middle of the night carrying a priceless idol.

And what about the curse? Annie hoped that the powers of the ancient

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All that day the battle raged as Dennis watched, quite safe inside,

"But," he told his worried Mother,

"None of THEM will be my bride!"

Mother Dragon was determined

And told Dennis what to do

"Send your facts to the computer."

It will find the girl for you."

So, at the computer centre

Dennis turned up, eyes aglow;

Popped his card into the slot, then

Pushed the button labelled GO.

Bells and whistles, bleeps and buzzers,

Lights in yellow, green and red,



Dragons shot from the computer
Like a toaster popping bread!

Dennis looked at each new lady.

Viewed them all, but fancied none.

He went back home in disappointment;

Computer Dragons were no fun.

Daisy took it, and in no time

A summer wedding they had planned.

As they left the church together,

Dennis led the way with pride.

Who'd have thought his next-door-neighbour.

Would turn out to be his bride.

Poetry Corner

Death of a snowman

Was awake all night
Big as a polar bear.

Strong and firm and white
The tall black hat I wear.

Was draped with ermine fur
I felt so fit and well.

Till the world began to stir
And the morning sun swell.

I was tired, began to yawn
At noon in the humming sun.

I caught a severe worm
My nose began to run.

My hat grew black and fell
Was followed by my grey head.

There was no funeral bell,
But by tea-time I was dead.

Vernon Scammell



She turned it round slowly, looking at it from every angle — front, back and from both sides. The more she started at it, the more it bothered her. In a flash she realised what was wrong.

What is wrong with the idol?

What does this mean?

Answers:

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AVIATION

Remarkable aerospace triumph, commercial flop

Early exit for mighty Concorde

AIR FRANCE, the only airline besides British Airways that owns the supersonic aircraft Concorde, has suffered a fiasco in the history of aviation through the highly prized possession. The Concorde can do what no other plane can do — fly across the Atlantic without refuelling and carry 11 tons of freight.

Early next century the world will watch with nostalgia when the two European carriers phase out their supersonic aircraft at the end of their almost 30-year-long life span. The world will fall back to subsonic air transport as there is no other remote chance that another Concorde or another supersonic commercial aircraft will have come into being by then.

Some airlines are already kicking themselves for not having acquired the Concorde at the time the manufacturers, Aerospatiale from France and the British Aircraft Corporation, were eagerly awaiting orders. Had they done so they could have prevented the early demise of the world's most efficient and beautiful aircraft.

There are 16 Concordes altogether in the world split equally between Britain and France. Two of the 16 are prototypes. No more Concordes will ever be produced according to one of Air France's most promising engineers, Bernard Combelle, who heads the maintenance division for Airbus and Concorde aircraft. Combelle took a group of visiting journalists from the Gulf on a tour of the aircraft's maintenance department. "All the tools (for manufacturing the Concorde) have been scrapped," he said with finality.

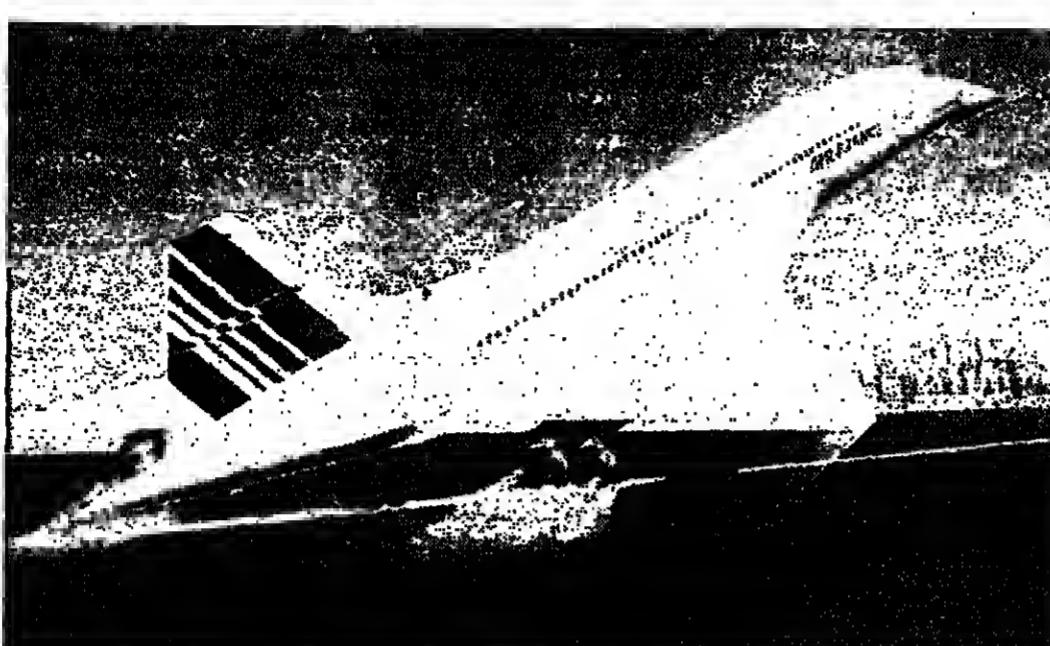
This is bad news for some airlines but for Air France it spells exclusivity.

To many other carriers including Iran Air, China's national airline and some US carriers who have repeatedly approached Air France with offers to buy some of their Concordes, the aircraft is becoming increasingly appealing. British Airways is only too aware of that. Not only are they unwilling to sell their supersonic aircraft but they have also made a bid for Air France's Concordes. But for Air France the Concorde, which can cruise at 2,200 km per hour, is priceless. "It gave us tremendous publicity and it boosted our image as a leader in technology," says Combelle.

What has recently particularly endeared the Concorde to the airline, is that at long last the aircraft has become profitable... if operating cost alone is taken into account the aircraft first made money in 1982. This year for the first time after 11 years since it was introduced, the Concorde was profitable including the cost of depreciation. The airline is confident that, provided fuel prices do not soar, the days when the Concorde was a financial burden, are firmly in the past.

The Concorde's life will extend into the 21st century but the two airlines will have to phase out the aircraft between the years of 2003 and 2005. By

By early 2000, one of the world's most efficient and graceful aircraft, the Concorde will be scrapped by its manufacturers, Aerospatiale and the British Aircraft Corporation. Is there an alternative or will air-travellers have to settle for subsonic air transport? Jadranka Porter, who recently visited the Air France Concorde maintenance division, discusses the problems surrounding the emergence of a new supersonic plane.



An Air France Concorde takes off. The plane can cruise at 2,200 km per hour.

then, it is hoped, the researchers will have been close to finalising designs for a new superior-to-Concorde supersonic aircraft for commercial use in the second or third decade of the 21st century.

Combelle is certain that there will be a time gap of more than a decade when the Concorde will be a museum exhibit and a new supersonic commercial airliner will exist on paper only. In the meantime the world's globetrotters will have to settle for subsonic air transport which consumes one quarter of the fuel the Concorde uses but takes twice as long to cross the Atlantic.

Problems

The problems surrounding the emergence of a new supersonic are similar to those that preceded the launching of the Concorde. On the one hand there are technical challenges. The 21st century travel dictates a need for an aircraft that will outdo the mastery of the Concorde. The Concorde can carry 100 passengers but the future supersonic commercial airliner, in order to be commercially viable, will have to accommodate at least 200 passengers. Crossing the Atlantic won't be enough either. The new aircraft's range will have to be at least 9,000 km, 2,500 km more than the Concorde's in order to cross the Pacific, a definite requirement of the 21st century air travel. It may have to be built to fly at an altitude of 100,000 feet if it is to sidestep the problems associated with the sonic boom which caused the Concorde, capable of flying no higher than 60,000 feet, to be banned from flying over some countries.

The greatest of challenges will be to invent an engine to power an aircraft which will make less noise, consume less

fuel but fly further and higher than the Concorde. These are no small challenges for the best of brains in aircraft industry.

Answers

But even if all the answers are found by engineers the biggest hurdle will be to sell a sufficient number of aircraft to justify their production. The same problem has plagued the manufacturing of the Concorde. No matter what moeey Air France put down for its Concordes it paid nowhere near what it cost to produce the plane says Combelle.

With BA and Air France being the only buyers of the Concorde, a remarkable triumph of the aircraft industry, was condemned to a comparatively early exit from the commercial air travel scene. It may happen that the next supersonic to hit the market will meet with the same fate, Combelle says.

This is why Air France is now relishing the years of Concorde ownership much to the envy of some airlines who lacked either money or foresight or both, to get the supersonic plane when it could have been got. Basking in the knowledge that they have done the right thing, even if under certain amount of pressure, Air France has decades ahead of it to savour the sweet, sweet taste of success.



A British Airways Concorde makes a smooth landing. There are 16 Concordes in operation split equally between British Airways and Air France.

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Writer Christopher Swan peers into the sky as he's strapped into an F-18 Hornet jet.

Up, up and away on the US Navy's F-18 Hornet

When flight becomes intelligence

By Christopher Swan

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. — The first thing I saw was the nose. Jutting out from behind a brick building. Maybe two football fields away. Blue, sleek, pointed. Then, we came around in our car on the runway, and I saw the whole place. Like some kind of galvanised mosquito. All power and precision and swish-back beauty.

Something about your first look at a light-attack aircraft like the F-18 Hornet makes you want to get inside. Know the soul of a swift machine. And, this breezy afternoon, I was to make close acquaintance with the state-of-the-art Navy jet, compliments of the Blue Angels, the Navy's precision-flying squadron that recently started flying seven of the bullet-fast, ballet-dancer-manueverable planes.

An untroubled sun glinted off the hard blue surface of the plane. The canopy was open at a 35-degree angle, like an alligator's mouth; I sat inside. Omar was strapping me into the second seat of the plane.

"You see everything in yellow and black here?" Omar asked as he cinched straps around my ankles, my thighs, my groin, my stomach, my chest. "You don't want to touch any of it. If anything happens, he" will say.

"He" is Lt. Cliff Skelton, pilot for the Blues' seventh plane, which is modified with a second seat to accommodate curious passengers. The six other planes fly the razor-edge formation patterns that streak through air shows around the country. Lieutenant Skelton shows media people and others what it is like to sit on top of 32,000 pounds of thrust while barrel-rolling or looping up; 50 miles an hour, pulling as much as 5 1/2 G's — or 5 1/2 times the force of gravity.

"When you start graying out and losing your visio," Omar advises, shoving a helmet down on my head, "just tighten up your stomach and leg muscles."

Blowing

The sounds of jets and props were blowing in frequent gusts back and forth across the tarmac, as Skelton approached the plane. He carries his body-Navy physique lightly and well. When he talks, he is quiet and respectful — one of those guys who seem to keep a serene corner of the sky in their blue eyes. His name is written in gold letters on the place.

"I'm planning to start with a high performance climb up to 8,000 feet on takeoff," Skelton said, once he had strapped his helmet on. "That OK?"

Our voices were carried by intercom into each other's heads. The canopy was down now, and you could hear the chatter of the tower above the dull, wooshing roar of our own jets. The high-tech screens in front of me winked greenly, and a computerised female voice called off the various stages of flight preparation.

"Flight control. Flight control," it kept repeating, making a noise like the sound you get when you dial an out-of-order telephone number. Something was wrong. I could hear Skelton muttering to himself. "I don't know if we are going to fly today," he said at one point. And we spent 15 tension-filled minutes while he monkeyed with the controls. Finally, though, he taxied out to the runway. The plane danced impatiently on the tarmac. I felt the tug of the engine yanking us into position for takeoff.

"Ready to fly?"

Well, how ready do we mean here? My ears were pinned back. My eyes wide open. My heart pounding. I felt the urgency of thrust behind me. Then, rush, pull, earth-lost, force, speed, move up, FLY!! The little light thing was suddenly up, and Skelton was in a high-performance climb and everything blurred into new intensity. Four G's pulled me back into my seat, like a turtle slammed against its shell. And everything in this sweeping blur.

Earth, mind, body, sky — was moving straight up.

We leveled off at 8,000 feet.

We were the fastest, lightest thing in the air, soaring above the green mosaic of farmland and roads. The Susquehanna river looked hard and brown below us. The cooling towers of Three Mile Island stood off in the near distance. My body was recovering from the depth-chase sensation of pulling all those G's. My mind raced along with the speed of the plane.

"How you doing back there, Chris?" Skelton asked.

Fine, said the fly to the spider.

"Good. Let's climb up to 10,000 feet, where we can go



Still, it's no stroll in the park. When they come screaming out of the sky in perfect configuration, like one tight fist, then burst apart in a smoke-trailing fleur-de-lis pattern, all they leave behind is a long gasp of amazement. The sun catches the six planes at once and they become lights dancing against the clouds. But up there, in the cockpit, it's all counting, terse signals, and intense flying.

That's what this demonstration flight was all about: to show me a little bit of what it means to do this thing the Blues do all the time. "I'm going to do a few aileron rolls, first," Skelton says.

Upside down in my harness, I spoke to my stomach small reassurances about the quiet life we would retire to — a life of Nash Ramblers and Cream of Wheat — to replace the breakfast I lost somewhere between aileron rolls No. 3 and 4.

We were interrupted by Skelton.

"How did you like 4 G's?"

"Just dandy."

"Would you like to try 5 1/2 G's? I want to show you a Half Cuban Eight. I'll be accelerating."

"I get real comfortable with the airplane," Lt. Wayne Molnar pointed out the next day. "We just swapped planes, and there was a tremendous difference. Like driving a Jaguar three times a day every day for six months, and then changing to an Oldsmobile. An eighth-of-an-inch difference in the seat changes your sight, pitch, just enough to make a difference."

The plane's idiosyncrasies are felt that closely because these pilots are making stick corrections at tolerances almost imperceptibly slight. For three months, they fly two times a day six days a week to learn Blues' formations and manoeuvres.

"The Boss," Commander Rud, ducks his head under a wing to demonstrate just how close 26 inches is when these pilots perform the kinds of manoeuvres Skelton was putting me through.

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SPORTS

Gulf Bank and Falcon outlast opponents

GULF BANK and Falcon beat Al Mulla and Siddique cricket clubs respectively in the Al Mulla Mitsubishi Cup matches at the Oval in Ahmadi on Friday.

In the morning, Falcon stole the honours by crushing Siddique by 50 runs. The foundation for Falcon's victory was laid by their openers, Shera Afzal (39) and Zahid (53), who put on 96 for the first wicket. Both the batsmen hit two sixes each and were seven to nothing short or over-pitched.

Three quick wickets by the Siddique bowlers put Falcon under some pressure but the arrival of Amin again changed the complexion of the game. Amin hit four sixes and three fours as he raced to 56.

Unbeaten

By the end of the 28 allotted overs, Falcon had put on 197 runs for the loss of eight wickets. For Siddique, the bowling honours were shared by Zafar with three wickets and Arif, who got two. Amjad and Tariq got one wicket each.

In reply Siddique were all out for 147. Siddique's highest scorer was Amjad with 57. Shahid hit an unbeaten 25 while Zafar got 18 and Mukesh 16.

Amio was the main wicket taker with three for 36 to six overs. Zahid supported him well by taking two for 31.

In the afternoon match, Gulf Bank just managed to overcome

Al Mulla. Batting first, Al Mulla made a modest total of 170 all out in 29 overs. The main contributors were Khalid (62), Nader (31) and Asghar (32).

For Gulf Bank wickets were shared by Manjre (3), Remy (2) with Alex, Ejaz, Perwaz and Peter all taking a wicket each.

Stage

Gulf Bank lost Alex early, bowled by Asghar for 4. Elias left without scoring, another Asghar victim. It was left to Perwaz and Remy to stage a fightback and both playing with responsibility brought respectability to the total. Perwaz was dismissed for 54.

Remy played a captain's knock, being unbeaten on 83 with 9 boundaries. Four middle-order batsmen dismissed to his presence failed to get double figures.

Eventually Remy managed to take his side to victory as Gulf Bank ended in making 173 for 8 in 29 overs.

Waldner wins for Europe

CLEVELAND, England, Jan 18, (AP): Jan Ove Waldner of Sweden gave European table tennis a big confidence boost yesterday by winning the men's singles title in the Europe versus Asia classic.

Waldner, the world No. 2, followed his first-round victory over Britain's Nicky Massey by disposing of three Asian challengers.

In the final, there was not much between Waldner and South Korea's Yoo Nam Kyu for two games but then the Swede stepped up gear to win 21-18 17-21-9.

In the semifinal, Kyu, ranked only 22 in the world, had upset world No. 4 Teng Yi of China 22-20, 21-11.

At last year's world championships, China won six of the seven titles at stake but neither of its singles champions made much of an impact at this two-day event, the most prestigious table tennis tournament to be held in Britain for 10 years, featuring the top men and top six women player in the world.

After two decades of pragmatism and team-work, European soccer rejoiced to the skills of match-winning individualism at the weekend with brilliant goals from Diego Maradona, Ruud Gullit, Emilio Butragueno and Peter Beardsley. Argentine World Cup-winning captain Maradona, whose supreme talent inspired Napoli to the Italian double last season, drove in a 15-metre drive three minutes from time to clinch Napoli's 1-0 win at Sampdoria on Sunday.

Thrashed

His strike kept Napoli three points clear of AC Milan at the top and pushed Sampdoria back to fourth, but Milan, for whom Dutchman Gullit scored twice, thrashed Como 5-0 to take a firm hold on second place.

Maradona was to no effusive mood afterwards. "This Napoli has now proved it can win anywhere," he said, momeotarily forgetting his team's 4-0 defeat at Milan at the start of the year.

"After that defeat they asked whether we were tired. Some even said we were dead. This goal, this win, is our answer to

MINTER DUMPS SHRIVER OUT OF AUSTRALIAN OPEN**Lendl still favourite but Cash closing fast**

MELBOURNE, Jan 18, (Reuter): Wimbledon champion Pat Cash is challenging hard for Ivan Lendl's position as favourite at the Australian Open after a significant improvement in his backcourt skills over the past three months.

Since last October's straight-set defeat by Lendl in the Sydney Indoor final, Cash has been working on his backcourt play and rallying prowess.

During that final Cash was still charging the net at every opportunity, a recipe for success which worked against the world number one on grass at Wimbledon but failed miserably on slower surfaces.

Appears

On the new rebound ace surface here, Cash has been content to hide his time at the back of the court, rallying with a clear opening and then using his speed and volleying power to kill.

As both Lendl and Cash, due to meet in the semifinals, prepare for tomorrow's quarterfinals, there are many who believe the Melbourne-born 22-year-old has what it takes to stop Lendl winning the first leg of the Grand Slam, his stated goal this year.

Cash's fourth-round victim, Sweden's Jonas B. Svensson, is one of the believers.

"It's the best I've ever seen him play. Last year he missed a lot on his forehand but now he's so much stronger and better on the



Lendl (left) and Cash: heading for a showdown in the Australian Open



baseline.

"He's so fast, he's the fastest in the world when he comes into the net. I think he can really do some damage to Lendl," said Svensson.

The semifinal with Lendl, consistently the hardest hitter of a tennis ball in the world, looms as a rare treat in championships which have hit few heights in their first eight days.

The lack of depth to the men's field, because of injuries and dis-

inclination to travel, has led to few thrillers involving the big names.

A quick glance through the quarterfinal line-up demonstrates the organisers' problems.

Lendl, like Mats Wilander and Cash yet to drop a set, meets 153rd-ranked Americo Todd Witsken. Cash plays 62nd-ranked Michel Schapers of the Netherlands and defending champion Stefan Edberg takes on unseeded Andrei Chesnokov

of the Soviet Union, a 6-1 6-4 6-2 winner over Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany.

Edberg is the man most in danger of elimination after failing to reach anything like his full potential here after injury and a long lay-off.

"I'm not at the top of my game but I'm playing well enough to win and that's what counts. However, I played a lot better last year," Edberg said after today's 6-3 6-3 6-4 defeat of Aus-

tralian Jason Stolteberg.

Edberg's normally lethal serve is probably his greatest worry. He faced break points in his first three service games and served only fiveaces in the whole match.

The winner of the Edberg-Chesnokov match will almost certainly go forward to a semifinal against Wilander who clinched his quarterfinal place by beating Christian Saceanu of West Germany 6-2 6-4 6-3.

There seems only one possible

Divided front threatens English appeal

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuter): English soccer's appeal on Wednesday for the lifting of the imposed by the European Cup before the 1985 European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus.

Sports Minister Colin Moynihan on Saturday said he did not think English clubs had eradicated hooliganism and added that he did not think they were yet ready to return to Europe.

Efforts

Hesaid: "We have to face up to the fact that there are still problems. We must step up our efforts to eradicate hooliganism.

"The final decision must be with UEFA, but I do not believe they can end the ban until after the European Championship."

His comments oppose the views of League president Philip Carter who will travel to Monaco

to meet officials of the European Football Union (UEFA) on Wednesday with the chairman of the Football Association (FA) Bert Millichip.

Carter believes England's clubs are ready to return. He said: "We have got a situation where we are presenting a solid case in terms of the action taken over the last 18 months to two years.

"I think our crowd control is as good as anywhere and as a result of the improvements on the domestic scene we have a very strong case..."

"I would not anticipate that a trouble-free European championship would be a criterion, but rather an added bonus."

Millichip, who will present the case for the readmission of English clubs, said: "Common sense

dictates that how we behave between now and next August will be vital.

"If our fans misbehave at the European Championship it is bound to react against us and any major disturbances between now and then will put us at risk."

Millichip said he felt the "appalling" behaviour of fans at an FA Cup tie between Arsenal and Millwall on January 9 would have a detrimental effect on the English clubs' hopes of returning.

There was fighting before and during the London derby game, which started 10 minutes late.

UEFA is bound to have noticed it. I am keen to see English clubs back in Europe but not unless we get our house in order," he said.

Punjab triumph twice

PUNJAB Cricket Club (Farwaniya) scored two victories in the Sahar League tournament on Friday.

In the first match on Friday morning, Punjab beat New Khaitan Cricket Club by 39 runs and in the afternoon they crushed Burhani Cricket Club by 63 runs.

In the first match, Punjab CC won the toss at the Safeway Ground and decided to bat. Pujab were given a good start by their openers who put on 50 runs for the first wicket.

Anwar Minhas hammered the New Khaitan bowlers and went on to score 32. Anwar Minhas got some good support from Awan Khan who hit 20. Punjab put on 144 runs in the 25 allotted overs.

Again

In reply, New Khaitan were all out for 105 runs in the 25 allotted overs. For Punjab Tahir took 2 wickets while Sharafat, Javed and Anwar Khan got one each.

In the second match against Burhani, Punjab again won the toss and opted to bat. Their openers again gave them a good start and put on 40 runs for the first wicket.

Lillee confirms English offers

PERTH, Australia, Jan 18, (Reuter): Dennis Lillee, the former Australian Test fast bowler, confirmed today he had received offers from English county cricket clubs for the 1988 season.

But Lillee, 38, who took 355 wickets in 70 Tests before retiring from international cricket four years ago, said at the moment he was "out even considering."



Anwar: unbeaten 47

For Punjab, Anwar Khan was in excellent form and remained unbeaten on 47 with four fours and a six as Punjab reached 136.

Anwar Minhas contributed 34 with five fours and Amer Aslam 24.

In reply, Burhani had an answer to the accurate Pujab bowlers and were all out for 71 runs in only 18 overs.

Anwar Minhas was the main wicket-taker, getting three wickets, Tariq and Javed Hayat took two wickets each, while Anwar Khan and Raza Bashir got one each.

Standings

Sheffield Shield cricket standings (tableau under — played, won, drawn, lost, points)				
Queensland	7	5	1	30
W. Australia	7	4	2	26
N.S. Wales	6	2	3	12
Victoria	6	1	4	10
S. Australia	5	1	3	8
Tasmania	5	0	4	0

LOCAL CRICKET**Old Boys rout Golden Star**

OLD BOYS Cricket Club thrashed Golden Star Cricket Club by eight wickets in a friendly match at the Silver Tower ground on Friday.

Golden Star won the toss and opted to bat but their decision seemed to backfire as Ansar was run out without a score on the board. Abdul Waheed removed Saitu and Nazir with the total only 19. Ishaq was caught by Gaffar off Adnan and Riaz Miao and Iftikhar struck twice each to dismiss Golden Star for only 62 runs.

In reply, Old Boys went past the victory target in only 11 overs. Adnan Shah scored 27 while Idris and Aidiqil remained unbeaten on 13 each.

The Old Boys, whose average age is 40 years, were helped by excellent fielding by all the players. As the bowlers struck to their task, the fielders supported them well.

Johnson takes 60m race

VANCOUVER, Jan 18, (Reuter): Ben Johnson travelled record of 6.41 seconds last 3,200 m to score his second Canadian sprint victory in as many nights as he won the 60-metres race at an indoor meeting yesterday.

Johnson, who won the 50 yards in 5.20 seconds over 50 yards in Hamilton, Ontario, came within 13/100ths of a second of another record by clocking 6.34 seconds for 60 metres.

The Canadian set the world

of the first match in Baggio to the Philippines, Korchin brought mystics along to confuse him.

Korchin, who has been equated with the conservative forces to the Soviet Union against the glasnost-leading Baku-based Kasparov, is no stranger to controversy.

Defended

He gained the title when chess master Bobby Fischer defaulted in 1974 and then defended his crown twice against Soviet expatriate Korchin in 1978 and 1981.

In their 1981 match in Baggio to the Philippines, Korchin charged that Korchin brought mystics along to confuse him.

"I should say that I also came in for psychological attacks during the 1978 and 1981 matches, but my current opponents clearly outdid the previous," Korchin said.

He said that Kasparov published his book, "Two Matches," just before the Seville championship.

"It does the champion good credit that he chooses such a disrespectful tone, calling many famous people in chess dark intriguers and the witches of Shakespeare's Macbeth," Korchin said.

"But we were unable to convince the French federation, who say that their crowd expected their players to gather in a circle and their players wanted to do so."

"So, as they run matches in Paris, players can hug there, but in Britain and Ireland there will be a formal line-up."

The annual Five Nations competition, which began on Saturday, is co-organized by France, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Johnson secured a 1-0 win for Madrid and lifted them five points clear of Real Sociedad and Atletico Madrid at the top. Atletico, despite an opening goal from their own leading star forward, Portuguese international Paulo Futre, were hammered 5-1 at Athletic Bilbao.

"I'd already said the side was getting better," said Bilbao's English coach Howard Kendall. "Now we must continue our winning streak." Bilbao's win moved them up to fourth.

In England, runaway leaders Liverpool continued their all-conquering run by beating Arsenal 2-0 to go

SPORTS BRIEFS

Own enemy

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Jan 18. (AP): Former world welterweight and middleweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard said Larry Holmes' toughest opponent Friday night against heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will be Holmes himself. "Larry Holmes has to constantly reassure himself that he can do it," Leonard said Saturday. "He has the physical attributes — the height, the reach advantage — but I think it's just a matter of him saying, 'damn it, I can do it.'

Speed skating

DAVOS, Switzerland, Jan 18. (AP): Jens-Uwe Mey of East Germany dominated a World Cup speed skating competition yesterday taking two of three events despite a strong US performance. Mey won the 500-metre race in 36.86 seconds, ahead of three Americans. Nick Thomeit was second in 36.97, followed by Dan Jansen in 37.01 and Marty Pierce in 37.19.

World Cup

GALLIO, Italy, Jan 18. (AP): Ernsi Veltori of Austria yesterday won the 11th World Cup ski jumping event of the season. Veltori, 23, compiled 218.2 points to move from eighth to fourth place in the overall Cup standings.

Japanese boxer

TOKYO, Jan 18. (Reuter): Japanese bantamweight boxer Takuwa Muguruma underwent two brain scans after losing a come-back bid yesterday but there was no sign of brain damage. Japanese doctors said today.

Houston race

HOUSTON, Jan 18. (Reuter): Norway's Geir Kvernmo pulled away from the pack after 21 kilometres and held off a strong challenge from Salvador Garcia of Mexico to win the 16th annual Houston marathon yesterday.

King's Cup

BANGKOK, Jan 18. (Reuter): Results in the King's Cup soccer tournament today:

Group A
Austrian XI 3 China 2 (halftime 3-1)
Indonesia 3 Oman 0 (0-0)

E. Germans top

KINGSBERG, Norway, Jan 18. (AP): East Germany, headed by Andrea Ehrig, who won all four scheduled races and clinched her fourth straight overall title, dominated the women's 1988 European Championships in a speed skating. Ehrig collected 180.163 time points. She won in the 500 and 3,000 metre races in 43.01 seconds and 4 minutes 28.89 seconds Saturday and the 1,500 and 5,000-metre events in 2:12.46 and 8:01.85 yesterday.

Door open

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 18. (UPI): The door is still open for North Korea and Cuba at the Seoul 1988 Summer Games despite their refusal to attend. International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch said today.

Steroids sales

OSLO, Jan 18. (Reuter): Soviet Olympic medal hope Nikita Gulyayev was allegedly today to have sold anabolic steroids for Western currency to fellow speed skater Stein Kroby of Norway.

Bridge

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:
N/S
1st Sandra Turvey & Gill Wilde
2nd Lollo Murtiwa & Juliette
3rd Rima Ayyad & Ghofron Mikail
E/W
1st Daphne El — Saad & Margaret
Maynard
2nd Johnette Chiles & Nida Khalaf
and Lili Akel & Madge McKenzie

DENVER THWART CLEVELAND COMEBACK

Broncos and Redskins win



A Redskins fan (right) bites the horn of Vikings fan while watching the game. (Reuter wirephoto)

DENVER, Colorado, Jan 18. (Reuter): The Denver Broncos thwarted an impressive Cleveland comeback yesterday as John Elway won a quarterback duel and led his team to a 38-33 win over the Browns and a second straight trip to the Super Bowl.

The Broncos, who lost the Super Bowl to the New York Giants last year, will meet the National Football Conference champion Washington Redskins in San Diego on January 31.

Crossing

Washington quarterback Doug Williams threw two touchdown passes and the defence kept Minnesota from crossing the goal line in the second half as the Redskins defeated the Vikings 17-10 earlier yesterday.

It was the second consecutive heartbreaking loss for the Browns in an American Football Conference championship.

Last year Elway engineered a closing minutes 98-yard touchdown drive that sent the game into overtime and robbed Cleveland of what would have been their first Super Bowl.

Yesterday, with four minutes left in the game, Elway tossed a screen pass to Sammy Winder who broke tackles, turned the corner and galloped 20 yards to give Denver a 38-31 lead.

Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar, who guided the Browns' second half comeback with three touchdowns in the third quarter,

got to work and moved his team down the field.

Ernest Byner, who had already scored twice for the Browns, carried the ball toward the goal-line and looked certain to level the game and send it into overtime. But the Denver defence forced Byner to fumble on the two yard line and the Broncos recovered the ball, once again ending Cleveland's dream

of a Super Bowl berth.

"After the first half the Browns just kept coming and coming," said Elway. "But the defence hung in there and got the big turnover at the end."

In the first half it was all Denver as the Broncos capitalised on a pair of Cleveland turnovers and scored on their first three possessions to take a 21-3 half-time lead.

"I reacted to a bump and turned inside instead of outside. I thought Doug would pick it up," Clark said.

Nomads rout Abu Dhabi

THE Nomads kept alive their hopes of successfully defending their Gulf Merit Table title with a comprehensive victory over Abu Dhabi on Friday. The Nomads ran in six tries with no reply to reinforce their status as one of the Gulf's top clubs.

Kuwait's stalwart fly half, Graham Adams, opened the scoring with one of his rare tries. Bob Hall broke free from a scrum inside the Abu Dhabi 22', fed Adams who dived over himself with everyone expecting a pass to Drew Wilkins on the wing.

Wilkins was next on the score-sheet, however, Abu Dhabi were caught in possession, the Nomads pack stole the ball. Hall fed the late arriving Con Barry who put Wilkins in at the corner.

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A loose heel by the Abu Dhabi pack gave Wilkins his second and the Nomads' fourth try of the afternoon. Hall pounced on the loose ball and set Wilkins free for the score.

Kuwait's pack were rampant

now, and they set up try for Dave Bulless with a frenetic movement down field. Hall then swang a long pass to Bulless who cantered round his opposite number for his try. He then rounded off the scoring with a second try after a sweet move during which the ball moved through the hands of every three-quarter.

The Nomads' second string were severely under strength to play Al Ain and fielded only fourteen men.

The Nomads started well by putting a great deal of pressure on the Al Ain line and were rewarded with the opening score. Jones cross kicked from a penalty and Tyrrell pounced on the awkwardly bouncing ball for a good opportunity try for a 4-0 lead.

Al Ain narrowed the deficit with a penalty, and then took a 4-4 lead with a converted try after the Nomads' depleted defence had been exposed.

Kuwait got back into the game with a Jones penalty, but Al Ain's margin was restored with a massive penalty after some over-robust play by the Nomads' pack.

Kuwait also had a good win last weekend, thrashing the once mighty Bahrain 30-3, but they have rarely beaten the Nomads outside the Emirates.

With both 1st and 2nd teams in action, a feast of rugby is in prospect. The 1st XV match will kick off at 1 pm followed by the 2nd XV game at 3 pm.

Seoul appeals to N. Korea and Cuba to attend Games

CARLSBAD, California, Jan 18. (Reuter): Steve Pate, who held a one stroke lead over Larry Nelson after three rounds, was declared the winner of the \$500,000 Tournament of Champions yesterday when severe storms forced cancellation of the final round of play.

The final round started as scheduled yesterday morning, but four times strong winds blew heavy rain in from the Pacific Ocean and play had to be suspended.

It put an alleged North Korean spy on television to comment.

South Korea appealed to North Korea and Cuba to change their positions even now and participate in the Seoul Olympics to help realise the hopes and dreams of mankind to make the world one family.

The appeal came despite deteriorating relations between North and South with Seoul last week accusing Pyongyang of destroying one of its airliners with 115 people on board.

After the interval, the Kuwait forwards played magnificently and Al Ain found themselves under continuous pressure.

Inevitably something had to give, and Al Ain were forced to give.

The Nomads conceded a penalty which Jones converted from long range to put the Nomads within sight of victory.

It was a tragedy then that one sloppy pass resulted in a second try for Al Ain and a 16-10 lead.

The Nomads fought back gamely and secured a second try by debutant Jerry Young, following up another cross kick. A fierce battle ensued for the last quarter of the game with neither side giving an inch, but Al Ain held out for their win.

The Nomads will encounter stiff opposition this Friday in their first home matches for almost a year, when Dubai Exiles

face Fintas Park.

The two clubs have already met four times this year, with honours even so far. Dubai are the Gulf Sevens Champions

beating the Nomads 12-6 in the final, and secured a narrow 8-7

win in the Merit Table match in November. The Nomads, meanwhile, beat the Exiles in extra time of the final of the Middle East Fifteens, and won 4-0 in the 2nd XV Gulf Cup.

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